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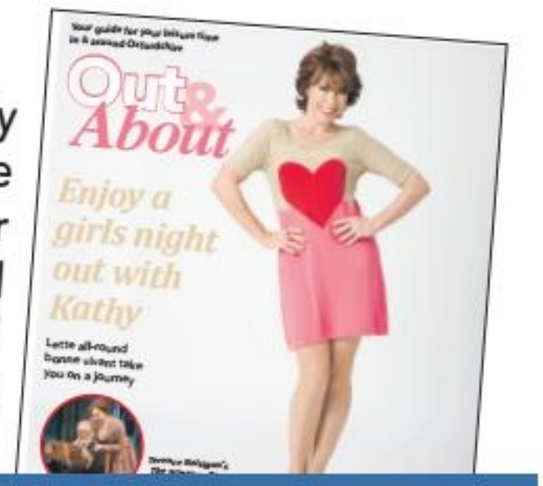

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Disabled children just want to have fun and play like others

Mum launches petition calling for more playground equipment to help her son

By Owen Hughes

A FAMILY in Bicester is petitioning the government to put more disabled play equipment in playgrounds around the UK.

Mum Suzanna Johnson launched the petition on change.org to make it easier for both her children to play.

Her son Oliver was three and a half years old when he suffered a seizure at home in February 2016 that left him with acute brain damage.

Oliver's acute necrotizing encephalopathy of childhood means he is unable to eat, walk or talk and is partially sighted.

Suzanna said: "I have a disabled son aged five, also a daughter, two years with no disabilities and believe me, it is very hard to find places to go for day outings that are ideal for both children.

"But just a little trip now and then to the local playground would be lovely, but pointless for us as there is nothing for my son to play on due to being in a wheelchair.

"It must be hard being disabled, especially if you are a child. All they want to do is to be able to have some fun, learn and play in their local playground like other children."

The petition is almost halfway to achieving its target with more than 230 signatures.

Former Secretary of State for Education and Employment Lord Blunkett unveiled a report by deafblind charity Sense in 2016 addressing the lack of play opportunities for disabled children.

Lord Blunkett said: "Our inquiry found that all too often the parents of children with multiple needs point to barriers they face in accessing and enjoying play.

"It means that disabled children don't have the same chance to form friendships, and parents are prevented from taking a break from caring."

More than 90 per cent of parents said their disabled child did not have the same opportunities to play as non-disabled peers.

Suzanna is also trying to fundraise £50,000 for equipment, therapy and medical treatment for Oliver.

She said: "Unfortunately, whilst our NHS is extremely good, they are not always able to provide all equipment/therapy/treatment that people need on occasion.

"Before all this happened Oliver was a happy go lucky fabulous little boy who loved running around in the garden, eating his favourite foods, watching his favourite TV programmes, and telling us all sorts of stories. He was such a happy little lad. We miss him."

Picture: GoFundMe.com/helpsaveolly

The online petition can be found at bit.ly/2FvL75g and contributions can be made to Oliver's GoFundMe campaign at http://bit.ly/2I3isDf

Suzanna and Michael Johnson with son Oliver and daughter Isabelle – they are hoping to raise £50,000 for equipment and therapy for Oliver

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Roger Bannister tributes: 'A legend and inspiration'

By Owen Hughes

A 'LIVING legend' and a 'man of great distinction' are just two of the tributes that have been paid to Sir Roger Bannister who died on Saturday, aged 88.

Sir Roger ensured his place among the sporting greats when he became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes.

He only held the record achieved at the Iffley Road sports ground in Oxford on May 6, 1954 for 46 days but it was enough to earn his place in the history books.

A statement from his family said: "Sir Roger Bannister, died peacefully in Oxford on 3 March, aged 88, surrounded by his family who were as loved by him, as he was loved by them.

"He banked his treasure in the hearts of his friends."

The middle-distance runner studied and worked at the University of Oxford where he was an active member of the Athletics Club, achieving victories in the Varsity Match Mile (1948, 1949 and 1950) and cross country (1949).

In a career littered with outstanding sporting achievements, Sir Roger became Empire & Commonwealth Champion at the mile in 1954, European Champion at 1500m, and was fourth at the 1952 Olympic Games.

He was awarded a knighthood in 1975 before his appointment as president of the World Sports Council the following year.

Sir Roger Bannister pictured with the shoes he wore to break the record – they were sold at auction in September 2015 for £266,500

In 1977, he became the first Briton to win West Germany's Hans-Heinrich Siegbert prize for services to sport.

In addition to his prowess on the track, Sir Roger was also a globally renowned neurologist, doctor and academic.

Ever humble, he said: "None of my athletics was the greatest achievement.

"My medical work has been my achievement and my family with 14 grandchildren. Those are real achievements."

Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, said: "Roger Bannister epitomised what it means to be a living legend.

"He was a regular presence at university events and remained committed to Oxford University to the end, engaging with students, challenging academics, and inspiring all of us."

Lord Patten of Barnes, Chancellor of Oxford University, said he was "a man of great distinction" and "we will miss him enormously".

Lord Coe, president of athletics' world governing body the IAAF, two-time Olympic 1500m gold medallist for Great Britain, said: "There is not a single athlete of my generation who was not inspired by Roger and his achievements both on and off the track."

Sir Roger had been diagnosed with the neurological disorder Parkinson's disease in 2011, adding: "It's in the nature of things, there's a gentle irony to it."

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Burglar sought

AN e-fit image of a man police want to speak to in connection with a burglary in Botley has been released.

A thief stole jewellery, ornaments, clothing and cash from Denton Close between 8am and 7.10pm on January 30.

The man in the e-fit is described as white, in his early thirties, around 6ft 1in tall and of an average build with noticeably clear skin.

He was wearing a long sleeved, light grey jacket, light coloured workman's trousers and black and white trainers.

Contact police on 101 if you have information.

£9m for cancer trials

AN Oxford-based cancer vaccine firm has secured around £9million in funding to create two clinical trials to treat cervical cancer and solid tumours.

A consortium of South Korean and Chinese investors provided biopharma company Oxford Vacmedix with the funds to complete its preclinical development.

OVM founder Shisong Jiang said: "We hope our effort will eventually benefit the health of many patients."

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Is it a car or a snow drift in middle of the road?

A car almost totally submerged by last week's snow was spotted by a member of the South Central Ambulance Service.

Call handler Karen was travelling home from her shift on Sunday when she saw the white front bumper poking out from underneath several feet of snow.

She spotted the buried car on Charlbury Road, the B4026 in north Oxfordshire, and took to social media to raise the alarm.

An SCAS tweet said: "Call handler Karen [is] keen to let the owner of this vehicle know that it is now slowly reappearing out of the snow!"

Staff have the golden touch

SPECIALIST nurses and staff at Horton General Hospital are providing a gold standard of care.

Independent assessors from the Joint Advisory Group on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy have accredited the state-of-the-art £2.7million Endoscopy Department at the hospital with a 'Gold' standard.

Assessors reviewed the quality of processes and systems underpinning patient treatment and spoke with patients and staff during their inspection on December 6.

Julia Wood, matron for endoscopy, said: "The modernisation of our department at the Horton means that we can provide more services locally such as bowel scope screening.

"This is a new one-off test offered to men and women at the age of 55 to detect bowel cancer earlier.

"The new programme is being rolled out across the NHS in England and will be available at the Horton from June this year.

"On average, for every 300 people screened, this new test will prevent two people from getting bowel cancer and save the life of one person with early stage bowel cancer."

The department was refurbished in November 2016 allowing around 5,000 patients a year from Banbury and surrounding areas to continue to access treatment in north Oxfordshire.

Procedures carried out in the unit include gastroscopy, sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy and cystoscopy.

Horton Endoscopy Department staff – back row, from left, Dominic Balchin (project manager), Julia Wood (matron), Tunde Szauervein (clinical support worker), Sanjeeva Korala (nurse endoscopist), Dr Jonathan Marshall (gastroenterology consultant), Pat Eni (deputy sister), Desy Punnamoottil (staff nurse), Alison Williams (staff nurse) and Hazel Lewis (receptionist). Front row, from left, Viki Kovacs (senior decontamination technician), Sophie Lai (staff nurse) and Carol Sivyer (clinical support worker)

'Boost to transport here is acute'

MP says bus, train and cycle paths must all be improved, not just A40

By George Welch

WITNEY MP Robert Courts used a speech in parliament last week to stress that 'acute' traffic problems on the A40 must be dealt with in tandem with district-wide transport improvements.

The Conservative used his platform in the commons to reiterate that a "final fix for the A40 must be found" sooner rather than later.

Mr Courts, who replaced former Prime Minister David Cameron as west Oxfordshire's representative in 2016, was told to "try harder" last month after suggesting that a new rail link 'may not be the answer to A40 chaos'.

But last week he called for rail investment as a 'viable alternative' to A40 travel to tie in with public transport and community buses, such as Our Bus Bartons.

Mr Courts said: "We can't look at any part of our transport system in isolation. Investment in the A40 is essential – but only one part of the bigger picture.

"Regular, reliable train services, perhaps with reopening passenger services on the Cowley branch line with a shuttle service from Hanborough, with linking services to local buses and investing in cycle paths needs to happen alongside work on our roads."

He told the Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling: "From the need for a final fix to the A40 to urgent upgrades to the Cotswold line, the need for a boost to west Oxfordshire's transport is now acute."

The government is currently consulting on the Major Roads Network, which would aim to reduce congestion and support housing and economic growth as well as allocate specific funding for A roads such as the A40.

Mr Grayling agreed that the A40 could benefit from the creation of the Major Roads Network.

But in response to Mr Courts' comments, Witney Oxford Transport group (WOT) accused him of wanting everything improved just to please everyone.

A spokesperson said: "This approach is very far from any strategy like the one proposed by WOT and is actually a recipe for doing nothing.

"The electorate, directly affected by the dire state of our transport infrastructure, demands and needs real action and a more long-term strategic view."

The county and district councils made a bid of £135million last year for A40 upgrades.

InBrief

Assault charge

A MAN has been charged with grievous bodily harm following an incident in Banbury.

Demetrius Parker, 36 of Marshall Road, Banbury, appeared at Banbury Magistrates' Court on Monday last week and was remanded in custody to appear at Oxford Crown Court on April 3.

It follows an incident at about 8.50pm on Saturday February 24 when a man was assaulted at a property in Middleton Road, Banbury.

The 29-year-old victim was taken to the Horton General Hospital in Banbury and later discharged.

A 49-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and burglary.

She has been released under investigation.

Apprentice plans

CHERWELL District Council announced new plans on Tuesday to create apprenticeship schemes for budding builders.

Councillor Colin Clarke said: "It's no secret that there are skills shortages in some parts of the construction industry, but we are in a strong position to help."

The Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted at a meeting on Monday.

Under SPD guidance, a development of 50 homes would produce 2.5 apprenticeships.

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Rolling out cars from childhood

By George Welch

IT is not unusual for the odd pedal car to turn up at auction somewhere in the UK, but rarely do you see a whole collection up for sale at one venue.

So it is not difficult to imagine the buzz of excitement when 140 park up at Bicester Heritage later this month.

Set to take place on Wednesday, March 21, the pedal cars are being sold alongside 100 classic cars and a collection of radio-controlled aircraft, all of which have formed part of the Land Rover collection.

Matthew Parkin, head of classic cars at auctioneers Brightwells, said: "We are delighted to be offering such an eclectic mix of vehicles, both large and small, from the Jaguar Land Rover Collection.

"The range and variety on offer has been carefully and imaginatively curated and offers something for everybody, regardless of age or even size."

The pint-size replicas span virtually every decade of the past 130 years and range from highly detailed miniature vintage Bentleys and pre-war racing cars made from metal, to a modern BMW Z4 made from plastic.

Canny toy makers have been turning out child-size replicas ever since Karl Benz sprang his three-wheel Patent Motorwagen on a bemused public in 1886, the world's first motorised vehicle.

By the early 1900s pedal cars were widespread, especially in the heartlands of motorcar manufacture such as America, Britain, Italy and France.

Although they were ostensibly aimed at children, most of these pedal cars were just as well made as their full-size brethren with enamelled steel bodies, opening bonnets and boots, working brakes, steering and headlights, leather seats and adjustable pedals.

With all tastes and pockets catered for, the collection includes a Batmobile, one that looks like a steam train and a range of vintage bi-planes.

The event – which includes no reserve prices – takes place at the former RAF Bicester site from midday to 4pm. Visit tinyurl.com/ybxt8mb6 for more information.

1958 Vauxhall PA Cresa

Community radio hoping to dial into DAB

A COMMUNITY radio station hopes to shift to digital less than a year after earning its spot on FM.

Witney Radio (99.9FM), which is run and managed by volunteers, will apply for a DAB licence later this year.

The station has about 30 different presenters from across west Oxfordshire who entertain listeners with music, news, travel and events.

Director Barry Clack said: "Ofcom has been trialling small scale DAB with community radio stations around the country, and these trials are now complete.

"A number of the areas that have had these trials believe it has been a tremendous success.

"Ofcom has suggested that once the information from the trials has been analysed it will be offering the opportunity for those taking part in the trial to hold a DAB licence."

He added: "The cost of a normal DAB system is beyond the reach of our station but new small scale DAB is a fraction of that cost.

"This makes this exciting opportunity a real possibility for Witney Radio."

Witney Radio began life six years ago as an online radio station before Ofcom licenced it to develop into an FM station in July last year.

Equipment and licenses for DAB is estimated to be £6,000.

It hopes organisations such as Witney Round Table, which has previously funded equipment, would help facilitate the switch.

InBrief

PC admits assault

A THAMES Valley Police officer has admitted inflicting serious harm on a woman in Banbury.

PC Rebecca Barnett, of Wood End, Banbury, appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Wednesday last week to plead guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm.

The 34-year-old attacked her 29-year-old victim while off-duty in Addison Road on June 10 last year.

The TVP officer, stationed at Banbury police station, remains suspended from duty.

She will be sentenced at the same court on June 11.

Knocked out at bar

A SINGLE punch from behind left a man with serious injuries after being knocked out while in the smoking area of a Banbury cocktail bar.

The 28-year-old victim was standing in the smoking area of Also Known As in Parsons Street chatting to fellow smokers in the early hours of Sunday, February 25.

He was struck from behind at about 12.30am and fell to the floor unconscious.

He headed home when he regained conciousness but woke up the next morning unable to move his head. He sustained a fractured jaw which required surgery and ongoing treatment.

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Kate's show of support for school's nurturing

THE Duchess of Cambridge was greeted by hundreds of cheering children when she visited Pegasus Primary School in Blackbird Leys, Oxford, on Tuesday.

The Duchess visited Oxford to look at the work of the school in providing emotional support programmes for children and parents.

Jodie Brackett, 11, in Year 6, told the Duchess he was able to trust his teachers to help him when he talked about any emotional problems and was keen to tell his grandmother he had met the Duchess as "she is really into the royal family".

Kate observed a Circle Time activity, which encourages pupils to share thoughts on a range of topics from bullying to dealing with stressful situations at home.

Catherine met head teacher Francis Murphy and Sarah Darton, CEO of Family Links,

a national charity which works closely with Pegasus to provide emotional well being training for teachers, parents and children.

Sarah said: "Just as we nurture our physical health, we should also nurture our emotional health.

"Children who are emotionally healthy are able to develop good relationships and succeed at work and in life."

Parent Donna Lennon-Sinclair said the programme had "made a real difference" to her life.

The Duchess of Cambridge met children at Pegasus Primary School and spoke to Family Links which helps children, parents and teachers. Pictures: *Verity Watson*

Indian restaurant fined £35k for rat infestation

By George Welch

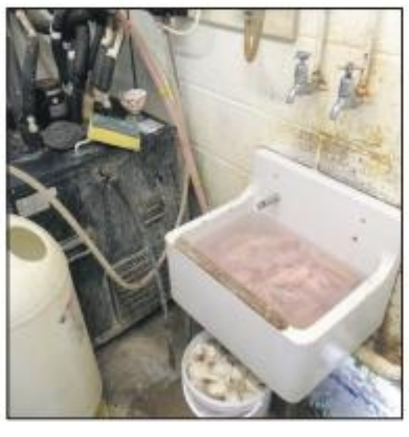
AN Indian restaurant that left opened chutneys and naan dough among an infestation of rats has prompted a council to dish out its highest ever fine.

The Star and Garter in Thame, run by a business of the same name, pleaded guilty to nine offences under food hygiene regulations at Oxford Magistrates' Court at the end of last month.

The court fined the company £35,000 and ordered it to pay costs to South Oxfordshire District Council of £2,071 and a victim surcharge of £170. It is the highest ever sum of its kind imposed by SODC.

Hygiene inspectors found evidence of an infestation of rats when they visited in March last year and the restaurant was ordered to stop using its food storage area.

Charges against the Wellington Street curry house included not taking adequate procedures to control pests and debris and the



Chicken found in the sink of The Star and Garter in Thame during an inspection in March 2017

discovery of dirt and grease and rat droppings.

One of the charges read: "You failed to protect food in the rear storage area from contamination, there was a box of fresh ginger on the floor, next to the box there was a tray of naan dough covered with cling film next to a rat trap.

"Raw chicken was being defrosted in a dirty sink, and raw chicken was being prepared in the rear storage area where there was evidence of rat droppings on the floor."

Another read: "There were boxes of open salad, prepared vegetables, and open trays of chutney in the cellar, where there was evidence of a rat infestation and the presence of rat droppings."

After the initial inspection, the restaurant was awarded a zero out of five-rating meaning 'urgent improvement necessary'. This was upped to two, meaning 'improvement necessary', at a re-rating in August 2017.

The company was awarded a three, meaning 'generally satisfactory', following the most recent inspection in January.

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, the council's cabinet member for housing and environment, said: "This case demonstrates that the council will not hesitate to take robust action and this fine – the largest in a prosecution brought by us under food safety laws - reflects the seriousness of such breaches."

New 999 system delayed and set to cost extra £3m

By Owen Hughes

A NEW computer system that could revolutionise the way police forces in the region deal with emergency calls is delayed and is £3million over budget.

Originally scheduled to be rolled out by Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary in March, delays have set the now £30.6m project back until late spring.

The modernised system will replace "outdated systems" and improve the way both forces handle 999 and 101 calls.

Through the software, operators will gain instant access to information on screen about a caller.

The smart software will also display data about recent crimes in the area and recommend the most appropriate resources to deploy.

The decision to delay the launch until late spring was made in November to allow for extensive testing.

Chief Superintendent Christian Bunt said the "cutting edge system" developed in conjunction with Microsoft will "help both forces work more closely together".

He added: "As it is such a crucial system, we always knew it would need to undergo rigorous testing before the planned implementation date.

Control room operations manager Nikky Dumbleton said they received more than 300,000 calls last year

"This involved integrating it with numerous other operation systems.

"We cannot afford to take risks with something that is so fundamental to us delivering a service to the public, so when testing revealed that extra work needed to be done, our operation view was that the testing phase should be extended."

The forces will be the first in the UK to use the new system, which has the potential for crimes to be reported online.

Staff at Abingdon Police Station's control room received more than 300,000 calls to the 999 emergency number last year, representing an increase of 12 per cent on 2016.

Nikky Dumbleton, operations manager, told this newspaper in January that "better signposting" could help reduce that figure.

According to a report, more than two per cent of 999 calls to TVP were unanswered in the three months to June, compared with 1.6 per cent in the same quarter for 2016.

The number of abandoned 999 calls to Hampshire Constabulary rose from 0.9 per cent to 1.6 per cent in the same period.

Court hears two men were killed in savage attack

TWO men's bodies found in a Banbury flat in October were killed in a sustained and savage attack.

Jurors at Oxford Crown Court were told that Mark Pawley, 25, was stabbed more than 20 times in a vicious attack, while Adrian Fannon, 39, received at least 10 stab wounds.

The type of injuries suffered by the two men suggested they had attempted to defend themselves during the attack, the court heard.

Owner of the flat in Newland Road, Raymond Morgan, 53, denies two counts of murder.

Officers discovered the bodies after forcing entry into the home at around 6.45am on October 1 last year. Two knives and a broken chair were found with blood on the walls, sofa and TV.

Mr Fannon's naked body was found propped up against a TV stand, while Mr Pawley's partially clothed body was discovered in a different part of the living room.

All three men were heroin and cocaine addicts, the prosecution said.

Morgan provided three different accounts of the incident to police, including a version where he stabbed both men after an epileptic fit.

In another version of the story he blamed two black men, and said the victims attacked each other before turning on him in a third version of events.

The trial continues.

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Bike stolen with bike

A THIEF used a hire bicycle to ride into an office car park and steal someone else's bike.

CCTV cameras caught the suspected thief riding into the Isis Business Centre on Pony Road, just off Horspath Road in Cowley, between 8am and 12.30pm on February 6.

Police have released a picture of a man who could have 'vital' information about the incident.

Contact police on 101 quoting reference number 43180038817 if you have any information.

Thieves hive bees

A MILLION bees have been stolen from a farmer's field near Bicester.

Brackley-based Beekeeper Honey found 40 of its hives had been stolen from a farmer's field off the A4421 between Fringford and Bicester on February 24.

Each hive is believed to hold 25,000 bees, adding up to around one million bees taken between February 17 and February 24.

Police are investigating and appealing for information. Call 101 if you have any details.

Man jailed for drugs row kidnap

By George Welch

THREE men involved in the kidnap of a Didcot woman in a row over an apparent drugs debt have been jailed.

Ben Mitchell, 25, of Venners Water, Didcot, pleaded guilty to kidnapping at Oxford Crown Court on February 26, while two other men admitted other offences as a result of the investigation.

After losing a large amount of drugs and suspecting the woman's partner and friends of being responsible for stealing a stash, Mitchell turned up at the man's flat at 4am on August 19 only to find his partner there alone.

The 21-year-old was dragged out of the flat and put in a car.

She was instructed to show him where she thought her partner and his friends were.

Spooked by seeing a police car, Mitchell got out of the vehicle and ran away but was later arrested.

As well as kidnapping, Mitchell also pleaded guilty to six counts of offering to supply class A drugs – including cocaine, MDMA, heroin and crack – and offering to supply class B drugs at a hearing on November 24 last year.

He was jailed for five years and four months at the hearing last week.

Mitchell's brother Jonathan, 30 from Liverpool, was jailed for 16 months after he pleaded guilty to witness intimidation. He called the victim and threatened her life for providing evidence to the police.

During the investigation, police found evidence linking Mitchell and another man, Davy Herron, to the supply of class A and B drugs.

Herron, 21 of Abbott Road, Didcot, pleaded guilty to offering to supply a class A drug (MDMA) and class B drugs at Oxford Crown Court on February 20. He was jailed on February 26 for three years.

Detective Constable Richard Whitcombe said: "This was a nasty incident which has left the aggrieved suffering from post-traumatic stress. There was no regard for the welfare of the victim or the effect this may have on her."

Ben Mitchell, left, has been jailed for five years and four months for the kidnapping of a woman and multiple drugs charges
Davy Herron, right, admitted supplying drugs and was jailed for three years

Hydroelectric plant running at full power for 450 homes

Sandford Hydro is fully operational and ready to power 450 homes

OXFORD'S new £3.2million hydroelectric power plant is now 'fully operational', managers have confirmed.

The Sandford Hydro project stomached a wobbly start following its completion in September last year due to uncharacteristically low autumn river levels then turbulent winter torrents in December.

But the Low Carbon Hub team behind the project confirmed last week that the power plant is now operating at 'maximum power'.

But in a recent post on its web page, the group wrote: "We are very happy to report that Sandford Hydro is fully operational.

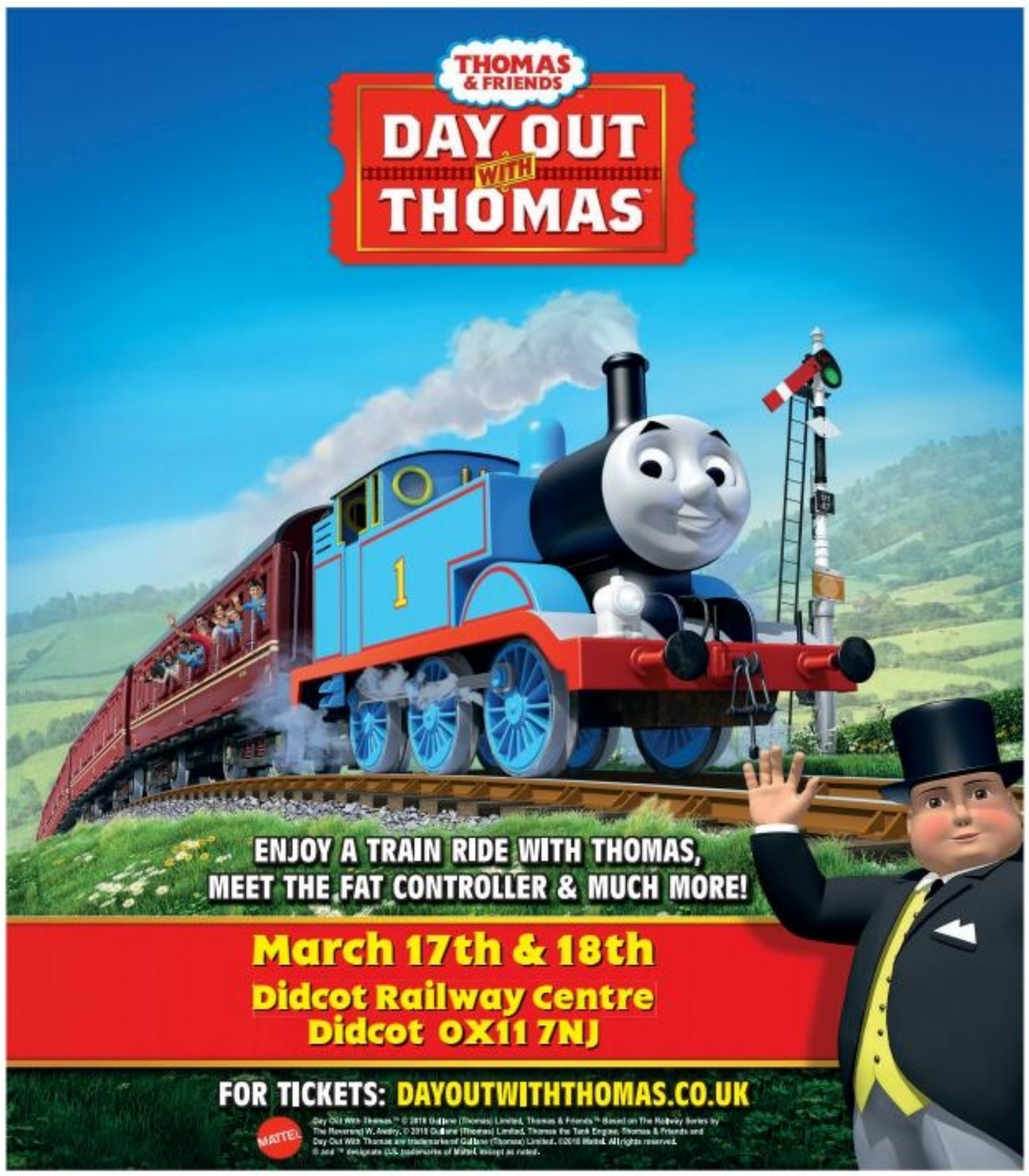
"After a series of thorough tests to ensure that the hydro is functioning as it should, including lots of trials to be prepared for any extreme conditions, we are running at maximum power.

"All of our systems are now linked up with the Environment Agency's remote monitoring system, which enables them to keep a close eye on the river levels at the hydro.

"They can also monitor the hydro should anything shut down unexpectedly."

They added that the 22-tonne steel screws will not turn 'on occasions', including during extreme weather conditions (only expected to happen less than five per cent of the time), power cuts and emergency repairs and maintenance.

The community-owned plant should produce 1,600 MWh of renewable electricity per year to power 450 homes.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Firefighters rescue horse trapped under the snow

A HORSE trapped in a ditch under a fallen tree for at least two hours had to be rescued by a specialist crew.

Fire crews were called to fields off Abingdon Road in Oxford at 2.30pm on Friday where an 11-year-old mare had been trapped for between two and three hours.

The animal was not seriously injured but was found suffering from the effects of cold and exhaustion as a result of the recent poor weather conditions.

Firefighters used manual and electric saws to reduce distress to the horse before removing sections of the tree so the vet could assess injuries and administer a sedative.

Once the horse was safe the crews were able to further dismantle the tree and attach lifting strops to pull the horse clear and help her to her feet. The horse was left in the care of its owner and the vet.

An Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesperson said: "This was a large horse that had got itself stuck in an awkward position and in this case the owners recognised the risk and called upon the emergency services to assist.

"Persistent effort from the fire crews involved and the vet, who had travelled out in difficult weather conditions, resulted in a safe and successful rescue."

Trust admits failings in care of Poundland killer

Apology to victim's family after poor treatment

By Owen Hughes

OXFORD Health apologised after a coroner concluded a string of failures in the Trust's treatment of a schizophrenic drug addict could have contributed to the death of Justin Skrebowski.

Trevor Joyce fatally stabbed Mr Skrebowski with a knife grabbed from the shelf of Poundland in Abingdon in December 2015.

The inquest into the 61-year-old's death concluded on Monday at Oxford Coroner's Court.

Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter said Oxford Health had not passed on important information to police, which could have better protected the public from Joyce.

Less than a week before Mr Skrebowski's murder, Joyce had told specialist doctor Toby O'Hanlon that he wanted to stab customers in Poundland.

A lack of communication between the authorities handling Joyce's treatment meant Dr O'Hanlon failed to share the information with police.

Four days after speaking to the psychiatrist, Joyce acted on his thoughts, resulting in Mr Skrebowski's death.

Justin Skrebowski was killed in December 2015 after Trevor Joyce told a psychiatrist he wanted to stab people

Mr Salter said the Trust was not at fault for Joyce not being remanded in custody, which could have prevented the stabbing.

A spokesperson for Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust said: "We would like to offer our most sincere condolences to Mr Skrebowski's family at a very difficult time for them.

"We always strive to do everything we can to ensure we provide the highest possible standards of care at Oxford Health, but there were actions that could have been better performed in this case, and for those we are sorry."

The Trust added it has already undertaken an internal review of its services and implemented a number of changes.

An independently commissioned report by NHS England is also being carried out on Oxford Health, which it hopes "will provide further assurances to both Mr Skrebowski's family and the wider community we serve".

Joyce was voluntarily admitted to Littlemore Mental Health Centre after a spate of four arrests in one week just two months before the attack.

Joyce committed the random assault on the art dealer from Sunnymead, Oxford, six weeks after his release on October 28, 2015.

In 2016, Joyce was sentenced to life in prison for the killing of Mr Skrebowski with a minimum of nine years for manslaughter with diminished responsibility.

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Pulling together to beat cancer

By George Welch

STAFF and customers at a leisure centre are pulling together to see how many miles they can clock up on an indoor rowing machine in a day – and they need your help to beat their Cambridge rivals.

The row-athon will involve teams at Better Leisure's Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney going head-to-head with their counterparts in Cambridge in a race against the clock. The team which rows the furthest will be crowned the winners.

Anyone over the age of 11 can take part and get into the competitive spirit ahead of the Boat Race on March 24.

The event comes as Better Leisure is this month challenging would-be rowers to go the distance and cover 26.2 miles on an indoor rowing machine, in stages or in one go, as part of Cancer Research's Great Row challenge.

Pam Radley, who works at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre, knows all too well the devastation that cancer can cause after losing her dad to the disease two years ago.

Pam said: "Every day was different but throughout it all he remained strong and so resilient, right to the end.

"You go through such a rollercoaster of emotion when a loved one is diagnosed with cancer. This was my first real experience of it affecting someone very close to me and it definitely changes everything.

"It's only right we get involved and do our bit to not only get behind Oxford in the boat races but also to encourage people to get involved and get rowing themselves."

From left, Better Leisure's Rod Noble, Harriet Claridge, Pam Radley and Josh Luland warm up for the row-athon against rivals in Cambridge

The row-athon will take place between 9am and 1pm on Saturday in the reception area of Windrush Leisure Centre on Witan Way.

To download a training plan and fundraising pack for the Great Row, visit cancerresearchuk.org/thegreatrow

Drug dealer caught after hiding car keys in flowerpot

AN Oxford drug dealer has been jailed after cocaine and cannabis worth more than £30,000 was found stashed in two vehicles.

Police officers visiting Jay Isthiaq Ahmad's home in Rest Harrow on a separate issue last March were suspicious when they spotted the 23-year-old hide car keys in a flowerpot.

The keys were found during a subsequent search of the home.

Two nearby vehicles were then searched and officers found the class A and B drugs which had a street value of more than £30,000.

Ahmad, *pictured*, was convicted and sentenced to six years and six months' in prison at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday last week.

He pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine and possession with intent to supply cannabis. He was charged with the drug offences on January 2.

Investigating officer, PC Stephanie Barras-Thompson of the Oxford Investigation Hub, said: "Ahmad's conviction and sentencing shows how seriously Thames Valley Police takes drugs offences, and means that a drug dealer has been removed from the streets of Oxford.

"I hope that this serves as a warning to other offenders and demonstrates the serious consequences of this type of crime."

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MP salaries to rise

SALARIES for Oxfordshire's six MPs will increase by nearly two per cent from next month.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) announced that MPs will receive £77,379 from April 1 for 2018/19, up 1.8 per cent on April 2017's total of £76,011.

IPSA said the increase is in line with its policy of adjusting MPs' pay at the same rate as changes in public sector wages.

Design shortlist

TWO buildings at Oxford Brookes University have been shortlisted for a regional award ahead of a ceremony at The Kassam Stadium later this spring.

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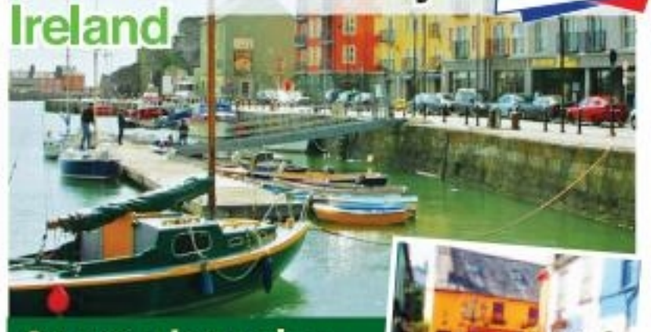

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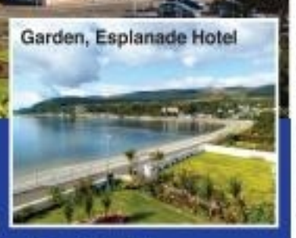

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Day 4: We'll enjoy another picture-postcard drive through the Argyll Forest and along the shores of Loch Fyne and spend time in Inveraray.
Day 5: Today is left free so you can explore Dunoon at your own pace.
Day 6: We leave Scotland and break our journey home with an overnight stay in Lancashire at the Legacy Hotel.
Day 7: We complete the final leg of our journey home.

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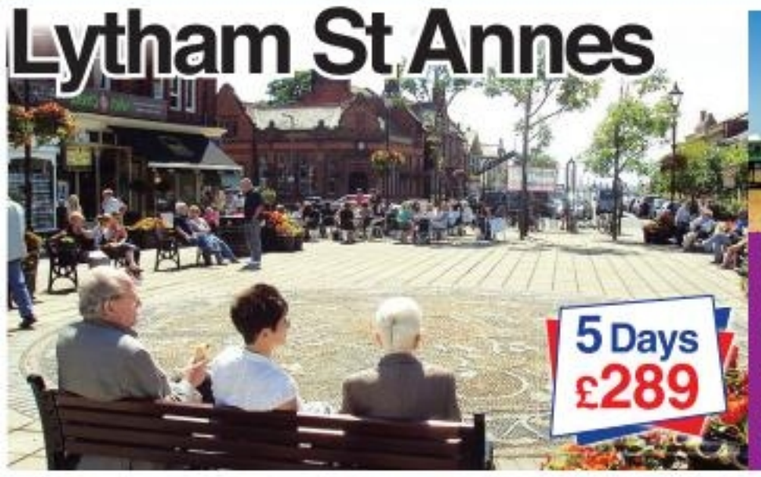

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Knives surrendered

DOZENS of knives were handed in during an amnesty in Abingdon.

Thames Valley Police revealed it collected 45 knives from its drop-off bin at the town's police station during last month's week-long campaign.

The initiative was part of Operation Sceptre, a national operation to reduce knife crime.

Figures show knife crime increased by 32 per cent between April 1, 2016 and March 31 last year.

Possession offences rose by 27 per cent within the same period.

Vintage flair at fair

SHOPPERS looking to welcome in spring the traditional way will love Lou Lou's Oxford Vintage Fair at the Town Hall on Saturday.

The UK's biggest travelling vintage fair will feature live music, a retro hair and beauty salon and an impressive selection of eclectic vintage wares.

The fair will run from midday to 5pm. Admission is £2.50 for adults and free for children under the age of 12.

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Faulty TV sets off fire alarm

A FAULTY television set left on while no one was home caused a Carterton home to become smoke logged.

The occupier of the Bovingdon Road home returned home after being out for a couple of hours and heard the smoke alarms ringing, the fire service said.

She opened the front door at around 9.50pm on Wednesday last week and was met by thick black smoke.

Firefighters from Bampton, Burford and Rewley Road, Oxford, used a thermal imaging camera to locate the small fire and extinguished it using a hose reel jet.

The smoke was then driven out using high-powered fans.

Incident commander, watch manager Ed Maloney, from Bampton Fire Station, said: "While the fire was fairly small and only involved direct burning to the television and the items immediately surrounding it, it did produce a lot of smoke which spread throughout the house.

Smoke damage to the house caused by the TV

"Fortunately the property had working smoke alarms which raised the alarm to the occupier so she was cautious as she opened the front door upon her return."

A specialist fire investigator confirmed the fire was started by a faulty television.

More given place at chosen school

By George Welch

MORE children have been offered their first-choice secondary school, despite a rise in pupil numbers.

Almost nine out of 10 Oxfordshire children due to start secondary school in September have been offered a place at their top-choice school.

In total, 88.8 per cent of pupils have received a first-preference offer – slightly higher than last year's figure (88.6 per cent) – despite 229 more youngsters transferring compared to last year.

A further six per cent have been offered their second choice and 1.55 per cent offered their third preference.

This leaves 3.2 per cent of applicants being offered a place at a school not among their stated preferences.

Hilary Hibbert-Biles, responsible for education at Oxfordshire County Council, said she is pleased "we have been able to give the vast majority of families the news they were hoping to receive".

Overall, 6,848 Oxfordshire children are transferring to secondary schools this year – 229 more than in 2017. Of these, 6,083 have been offered their first preference school – 216 more than last year.

They county's secondary school age population is expected to continue to increase over the next few years, as primary school growth over the past decade translates into greater demand for secondary school places.

Cllr Hibbert-Biles said the council is looking at expanding schools where needed.

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Drug driver killed OAP when sleeping at wheel

By George Welch

A DRUG driver who killed a pensioner in a head-on collision while high on drugs has been jailed for six years.

Stephen Horwood, of Greenhill, Blackbird Leys, Oxford killed Michael Smith, 71, when he fell asleep at the wheel of his white Ford Transit on the A415 near Ducklington, west Oxfordshire.

Mr Smith's wife, Susan, a passenger in their red Peugeot 107, was seriously injured when Horwood's van ploughed into them on September 7 last year.

Horwood, 37, failed a drugs test and checks found he had taken cocaine prior to the crash.

The father-of-three, who admitted causing death by dangerous driving and serious injury by dangerous driving, had more than three times the legal limit for cocaine, which is 10 microgrammes per litre of blood.

It has also been revealed that Horwood, a self-employed carpet fitter, was caught driving with

Stephen Horwood's van ploughed into the car driven by Michael Smith, killing him and injuring his wife, Susan

Benzoylecgonine, a metabolite of cocaine, in his system by police in November. He was jailed for 23 weeks on January 4 for these offences.

Investigating officer, Sergeant Beth Walton of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Sadly, this is yet another avoidable death on our roads where a driver has failed to understand the dangers of drugs driving.

"While the sentence given can never be comparable to the pain and suffering of the victims' family, it should stand as a deterrent to others who are driving dangerously while influenced by drugs and alcohol, placing themselves and innocent members of the public at risk of harm.

"Horwood will have to live the rest of his life knowing that his actions caused this tragic incident and took a man away from his family."

Horwood was jailed for a total of six years, made up of six years for causing death by dangerous driving and four years of causing serious injury by dangerous driving, to run concurrently.

He was also disqualified from driving for a total of six years and must take an extended re-test.

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Patient urges others to help with research

AN Oxfordshire man with type 2 diabetes has urged the public to become official ambassadors for NHS research after taking part in clinical trials at Oxford's Churchill Hospital.

Gordon Moultrie, 65, *pictured*, of Chipping Norton, learned of the Patient Research Ambassador Initiative, where the public promote NHS research, through taking part in diabetes research at the east Oxford hospital.

The Scotsman, married with two grown up children, said he fully supports patient and public involvement in the healthcare sector.

"No research, no progress – it's as simple as that," the semi-retired company director said.

"Research is the key to improving healthcare in the UK and worldwide.

"We need to invest money and time into research to develop new medicines and treatments to help

more people and reduce the costs."

The PRAI – which Mr Moultrie joined in 2015 – is run by the National Institute for Health Research and aims to educate and involve the public about the importance of research trials.

Mr Moultrie currently enjoys good health while managing his type 2 diabetes 'relatively well'.

People who are interested in becoming PRAs should contact comms.crnthamesvalley@nihr.ac.uk or 01865 227252.

Share your business profile with others

A GUIDE showcasing the city's economic strengths, opportunities and support services has been launched.

The Oxford Business Guide is accompanied by It's Local Oxford, an interactive listing of businesses and organisations that provide services to business and consumers. Businesses are encouraged to sign up and add their free company profile.

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The rhino seems rather unsure of the snow in this picture by Jeff Youd and inset, Scarlet the Red Panda is huddled up warm in a tree

A peacock finds its feet in the first of the snow and left, Kali, one of Asiatic lion triplets born in 2016 surveys the scene

Beast of a different kind moves into wildlife park

Ponds frozen as polar blast blows in from east

By George Welch

ANIMALS at Cotswold Wildlife Park had a great time frolicking in the snow last week as these pictures show – but the popular attraction was forced to close its doors to the public.

The park was shut last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday due to the heavy snowfall brought on by the Beast From The East – a freezing polar blast from Siberia.

But that failed to stop the animals having fun in the white stuff.

Red pandas, wolverines and pallas cats were just some of the species who revelled in last week's arctic conditions.

Penguin chick Lucky was left fascinated with the snowflakes, trying to catch them with her beak.

Curator Jamie Craig said: "All the animals have heated houses where needed and are currently unaware of the outside temperatures, unlike their keepers who are busy removing snow from the roof of the aviaries and clearing pathways.

"It's certainly not the weather for our tropical species but for a few, most notably the reindeer, wolverines and penguins and pallas cats, it is a favourite time of year and they are revelling in the arctic conditions."

Penguin chick Lucky was fascinated by the white stuff and the frozen waterfall and inset, a pelican takes tentative steps on the ice

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News

Expressway 'success story'

BUSINESS chiefs and public-sector leaders will meet at a major conference later this year to discuss and debate the £3.5billion Oxford-Cambridge expressway route.

Some of the region's biggest names in business, politics and local government will discuss industrial strategy, skills, housing, infrastructure and growing the economy.

Heather Smith, one of the speakers at the event as chair of England's Economic Heartland's Strategic Transport Forum, said the conference will "build on the real momentum which is forming behind the region".

She said: "With the right investment in infrastructure, we can become internationally renowned for science, technology and innovation, competing for UK Plc on the global stage."

The managing director of Built Environment Networking, which is organising the conference, said it is "essential" businesses work together to make the project 'a success story'.

Keith Griffiths added: "The long-awaited transport links between Oxford and Cambridge will not only improve connectivity and communication between the cities and those in-between, but it will provide the infrastructure to drive economic development and growth."

The discussion will take place at Milton Keynes Dons Football Club on June 21 from 7.45am to 4.45pm. For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/ybfa42wd

Fundraising for city museum

IT is not too late to help raise cash towards the Museum of Oxford redevelopment.

The £2.8m project will transform the Old Museum, which was closed in 2011, into a new, purpose-built space with the capacity to increase the number of exhibits from 286 to 750.

Proceeds from three events will go towards the renovation.

A talk on Oxford's town and gown riots and a vintage map took place last week, but the entertainment for museum buffs is not over yet.

Oxford-based historian and author Bryan Brown will give a talk on John Henry Brookes, the man who inspired a university.

Mr Brown's talk will cover Mr Brookes' early life and influences, his career as a craftsman and the evolution of the Headington campus to Oxford Brookes University.

The event will take place at the St Aldate's museum from 6pm to 7pm on Thursday, March 22.

Doors will open at 5.45pm. Tickets cost £4 with a booking fee.

Visit oxfordhiddenhistories.org to donate.

Charity of the year 2018 – Helen & Douglas House

Ice one Emily! Cake sale to remember her friend

By George Welch

AN 11-year-old with a sweet tooth for fundraising baked and decorated 300 cakes as she continues to raise sacksful of cash in memory of her 'beautiful' friend.

It took Emily Martin, from Chesterton, near Bicester, nearly two days to bake and decorate the cakes for a sale at her dad's work at Microsoft in Reading last month.

She raised £3,000 for the east Oxford hospice on the day as people bought cakes, donated to her JustGiving page and Microsoft matched the funding.

Emily was inspired to make a difference when her 'beautiful' friend Izzy died in May 2016 having battled kidney cancer.

"In the last few weeks of her life she moved to Helen & Douglas House where she had the best time and made so many memories," Emily says on a fundraising page.

"I want to raise money to help other children with life limiting conditions and their families."

Emily also set up a JustGiving page for people who were not able to get to the sale.

Of her fundraising, she said: "I wanted to help Helen & Douglas House because my friend [Izzy] was poorly with cancer and then moved to Helen & Douglas House.

"I wanted to help make the children there feel more comfortable and to give them some happy times. It took a day to bake all the cakes and half a day to ice them all but it was absolutely worth it.

"Thank you for all the donations."

Her mum, Jo, added: "We are so proud of what Emily is doing in memory of Izzy and to help others in their time of need.

"Her target is to fundraise £5,000 this year for Helen & Douglas which I'm sure she will easily achieve."

Community fundraising manager at Helen & Douglas House said: "We rely on donations like this to care for local terminally ill children and cannot do this without the help of amazing people like Emily."

Visit tinyurl.com/y8tnyg55 to donate.

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Emily Martin's delicious cakes helped her raise £3,000 for Helen & Douglas House where her friend Izzy spent her last days

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Sheila Wilkinson, centre, one of the founder members of the Guild, with fellow tour guides

On the trail of a good tourist guide

OXFORD tour guides come from a variety of career backgrounds but they all have one thing in common – a love of the city, the university and its heritage.

It was a double celebration for the know-it-all ambassadors at Oxford Guild of Tour Guides last week as they celebrated International Day of the Tourist Guide and welcomed the latest batch of qualified guides.

Oxford has more than seven million visitors a year and large groups of tourists have become a contentious issue in the busy city.

The qualified green badge guides conduct walking tours for the Visitor Information Centre on Broad Street.

They can be found on the city centre streets leading tour parties in all weathers, seven days a week throughout the year.

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[1] The Guardian, 'House prices rise 5% a year in more bad news for would-be buyers', 17/10/17 | [2] Financial Reporter, 'Bank of Mum and Dad lending £18,000 on average', 20/10/17

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News

Posing with pets to help give back to the animals

By George Welch

TV stars Miranda Richardson and Joanna Scanlan met homeless cats, dogs, rabbits and horses during an exclusive behind the scenes visit to Blue Cross for a special set of portraits.

The west Oxfordshire charity teamed up with photographer Rankin to shoot the portraits aimed at celebrating how important pets are in people's lives and to encourage people to rehome.

EastEnders actress Michelle Collins and X Factor singer Diana Vickers also took part in the photoshoot at Blue Cross's rehoming centre in the picturesque Cotswolds village of Burford.

The stars met a variety of animals waiting for new homes at the centre including dogs, cats and kittens, chinchillas, rats, mice and horses.

Among the animals the celebs met were two-year-old Chihuahua cross Stitch who was found wandering the streets as a skinny and nervous stray.

Horses Splodge and Emerald, who came into the rehoming centre separately after they were found fly-grazing, also enjoyed the special attention.

Speaking of her own special bond with her pets, Oscar-nominated actor Richardson, who most recently appeared in ITV's British drama series Girlfriends, said: "My pets are my constant companions. They are wonderful souls who fill rooms.

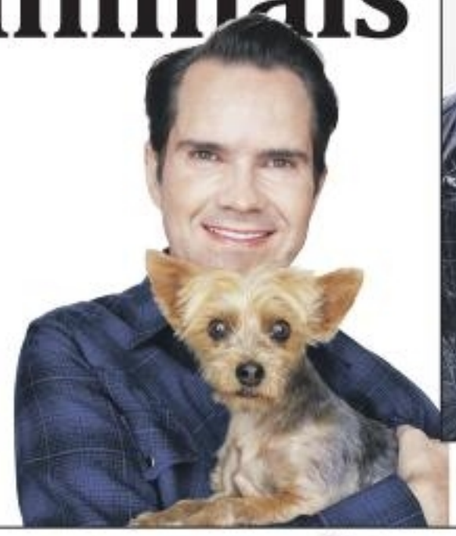
"They are people to love and give you a chance to nurture. I think they have given me skills and I hope I've given them some."

Comedian Jimmy Carr, who adopted Yorkshire Terrier Marnie from Blue Cross's rehoming centre in Lewknor in 2016, actors Anthony and Emily Head, Issac Hempstead-Wright and James Bowen and Bob the Street Cat were also photographed for the project at Rankin's studios in London.

Rankin even got in front of the camera for a selfie with Splodge and later shared the shot on Instagram.

He said: "Pets change our lives. I know mine certainly have and that is why I wanted to join forces with Blue Cross and their famous friends and through this series of unique portraits, inspire people to give back to pets in need for the amazing, enriching and wonderful roles pets play in our lives."

Pictures: *Rankin*



Miranda Richardson, Joanna Scanlon, Emily and Anthony Head and Jimmy Carr posed to show how important pets are in people's lives

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The spirit of the Man in Black is alive and 'kicking like a mule' with an outstanding celebration of the iconic legend by the Carter/Cash endorsed Johnny Cash Roadshow.

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The stage lights up with a colourful explosion of energy, against a striking backdrop of classic screen imagery of the 'real deal'. Clive John, captures the essence of Cash with exceptional style and confidence. His deep, distinctive vocals are spot on, evoking pure country magic with Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues and A Thing Called Love.

Charismatic duets are superb. Renditions of Don't You Think It's Come Our Time and Jackson, encapsulate the tender charm and uplifting humour shared by the late enigmatic pair. The music doesn't miss a beat as the set glides seamlessly along, evoking a timeless quality of a golden era with fresh contemporary flair.

Martin Bentley (bass) is in a league of his own and Nick Davis (guitars) and Darren Bazzoni (drums) first class. Backing vocals by Louise Masters and Amanda Stone add sparkle and glamour as the Carter sisters, complimenting the line up with equally impressive versatility.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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Out & About

A window on life of the Winslows

Family drama based on real-life event

By Samantha McGregor

A MAJOR new revival of Terence Rattigan's classic family drama comes to Oxford Playhouse this month.

Based on a real-life event, The Winslow Boy is a courageous and delicately humorous window into the class and political hypocrisy of the time.

This production stars Tessa Peake-Jones of Only Fools and Horses and Grantchester, alongside Aden Gillett, who was in House of Eliott and Holby City, and takes to the Playhouse stage from Monday, March 12, to Saturday, March 17.

Having been expelled from the Royal Navy College for stealing a five-shilling postal order, young cadet Ronnie Winslow's family are pulled apart by the repercussions of this charge.

Set against the values of 1910 Edwardian London, the Winslow family fight to clear his name or face social ostracism as the case becomes a national scandal.

Peake-Jones stars as Grace Winslow, the mother of Ronnie, the accused cadet.

Now well-known as Mrs Maguire in ITV1's Grantchester, Peake-Jones has had a long, varied career including Raquel in Only Fools and Horses.

Arthur Winslow is played by Aden Gillett, Ronnie's father. His film roles include The Borrowers, with forthcoming films The Foreigner starring Jackie Chan and Pierce Brosnan, and A Caribbean Dream where he plays Theseus in a modern reimagining of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The Winslow Boy, which became one of Rattigan's best known and most loved works, originally appeared on stage in 1946.

This new production is directed by Olivier Award-nominated Rachel Kavanaugh, who also directed A Christmas Carol for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Tickets for The Winslow Boy at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the box office on 01865 305305 or go to oxfordplayhouse.com

Pictures: *Alastair Muir*

On stage

Flower power rules

O'Neils Bar in Oxford will host covers band HippyHaze tomorrow evening from 10pm.

The three-piece band cover songs exclusively from 1966 to 1969 which includes artists like Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Santana, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Deep Purple and more.

There is no entry fee.

Metal mayhem

Rock band Black Shot Rose are gearing up to perform at The Cellar in Oxford this Saturday.

Audiences can expect an evening of heavy rock and metal music from an experienced band who have been playing together for more than seven years.

The band will kick off at 7.30pm.

Radio Ga Ga

For an evening of punk and hits from the 70s and 80s head over to The Brewery Tap in Abingdon on Saturday.

Radio Generation will be performing covers from David Bowie, Tom Petty, Lou Reed, Sex Pistols and The Cure to name a few.

The gig will begin at 9pm and has no entry fee.

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Girls just wanna have fun

By Josh Cox

"WOMEN are each other's human wonder bras – uplifting, supportive and making each other look bigger and better," says Kathy Lette.

Australian born author, screen-writer, journalist, party girl and all-round bonne vivant Kathy hits the road this spring with her debut live show Girls Night Out.

Best known for her many novels including How To Kill Your Husband (and Other Handy Household Hints), Foetal Attraction, and Nip 'n' Tuck, Kathy has decided it's time to take centre stage to share intimate details of her varied and multi-coloured personal, social and professional life.

Girls Night Out takes the audience on a journey from puberty to menopause and beyond and everything in between, with tales of love, lust, men, marriage, pregnancy, childbirth, sexist bosses, teenage-daughter-wrangling and much more.

Kathy first achieved success as a teenager with the novel Puberty Blues, which was made into a major film and a TV mini-series.

After several years as a newspaper columnist and TV sitcom writer in America and Australia, she's written 12 international bestsellers in her characteristic witty voice, including Mad Cows (which was made into a film staring Joanna Lumley and Anna Friel), The Boy Who Fell to Earth, Courting Trouble, and Best Laid Plans – soon to be an eight-hour TV series.

Her novels have been published in 17 languages around the world.

Kathy appears regularly as a commentator on the BBC and Sky News. She is also an ambassador for Plan International, Ambitious about Autism and the National Autistic Society.

She lives in London and can often be found at The Savoy (where she was writer in residence) drinking a cocktail named after her.

She will be making her way to The Theatre Chipping Norton on March 16 at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £15.50. For more information or book head to chippingnortontheatre.com

Friendly folk at The Mill

Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman
Picture: *Nikki Bidgood*

WITH a new album due out Dartmoor-based husband and wife duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman will play Banbury's Mill Theatre.

The pair, who have twice won the coveted Best Duo title at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2016 and 2013, are in Banbury on March 16.

With more than two decades of performance the pair mix traditional song arrangements with their self-penned material which reels from the bitter to the sweet, the wry to the sad, the political to the passive, across folk, rock, country and blues genres.

Lakeman plays the acoustic and electric guitarist as well as producing, while vocalist Roberts plays the piano and flute.

Launching their new album Personae tomorrow, this marks their fifth studio album, and it will be showcased on the duo's 25 date tour.

This latest album opens with a folk-rock version of the Child Ballad The Knight's Ghost, with Sam Kelly on guest vocals. One of the standout tracks is Independence, about the relationship between parent and child and finding your way in the world.

Kathryn said: "We are really looking forward to visiting The Mill again.

"Previous gigs there have always been warm and friendly and the intimacy really suits our style of music.

"We are planning to play a mix of old favourites and introduce new songs from our upcoming CD Personae, it will be the second night in a 25 date tour so our energy levels will still be high."

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Out & About

Shakespeare in the local

By Josh Cox

INSTEAD of a Kingdom - a pub. Instead of a King - Mr Lear, the landlord.

When he announces his retirement and the division of his kingdom between his daughters, Mr Lear imitates his famous namesake and demands to know which of them loves him the most. In so doing he unleashes a tide of pent-up frustration and jealousy.

The Cornerstone in Didcot is to host this wonderful adaptation of Shakespeare's King Lear this March.

Hilarious and heart breaking, The King Lear will unfold using physical theatre, clowning and vibrant storytelling all linked by Shakespeare's magnificent text.

What started as a game became real as Shifting Sands Theatre Company play with Shakespeare's ingredients yet remain faithful to his themes.

There will be irreverence, but by no means parody. The result, nothing short of comic, exhilarating, heart-felt theatre.

"I am delighted to be able to retell this classic", said artistic director Gerry Flanagan. "It's one of my favourites [and] being able to tour The King Lear is very exciting."

Shifting Sands was founded in 1998 to create stimulating, accessible theatre that is both comic and moving. The company is particularly interested in re-interpreting classic texts and epic tales. It has won critical acclaim for its many touring productions that include Faustus, Romeo & Juliet, The Seagull and Great Expectations. To date the company has created nine shows and been on eight UK wide tours.

Flanagan is one of England's most sought after clown practitioners and Shifting Sands has grown out of his work.

The King Lear will take to the Cornerstone stage on March 22 at 7.30pm. Full price adult tickets cost £12.50 with discounts available for concessions and under 16s.

To book tickets or for more information visit cornerstone-arts.org or call the box office on 01235 515144.

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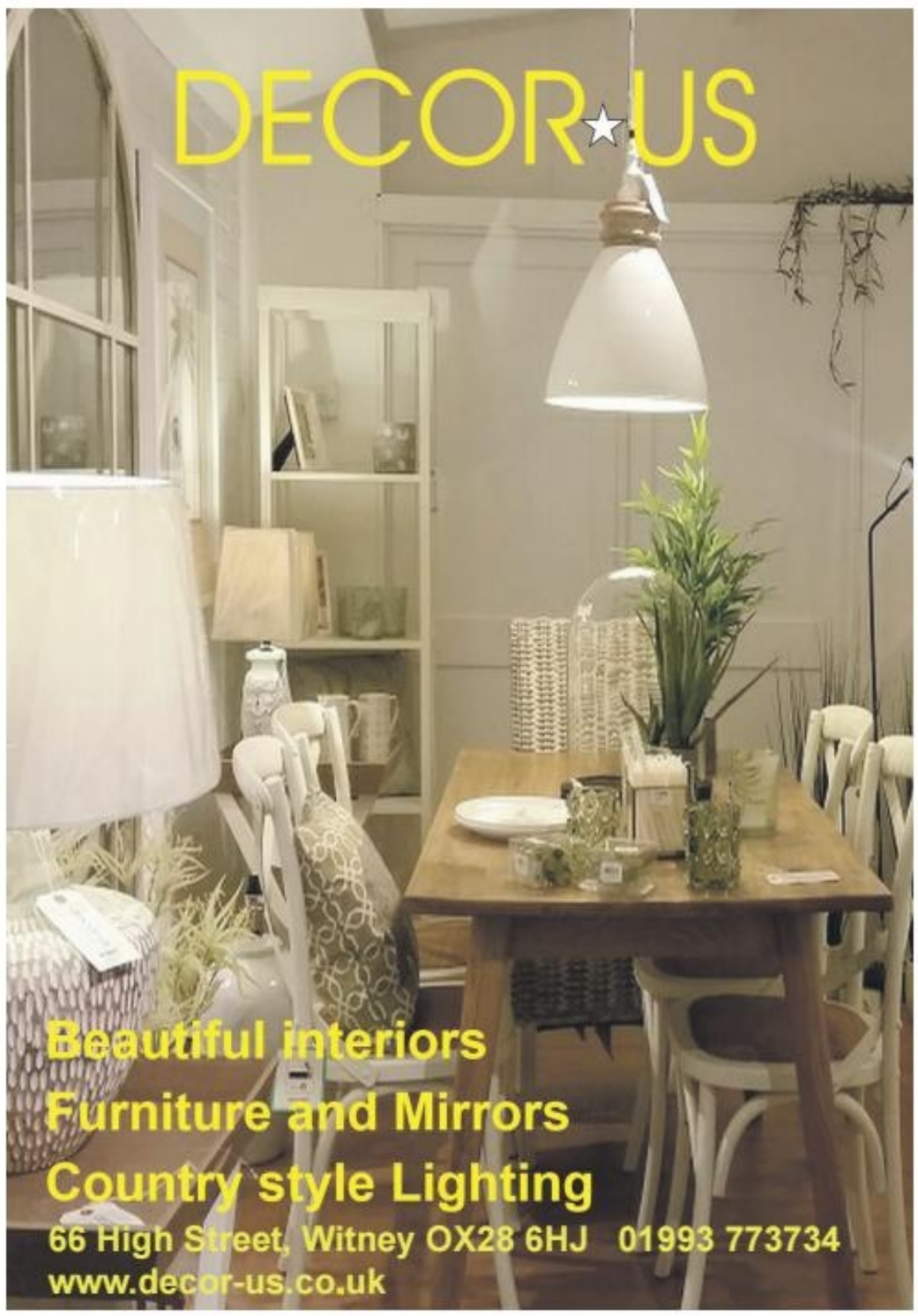
Director Matt Aston said: "I first read Grandad's Island in a book shop in the summer of 2015 whilst looking for a new story for my two boys. I knew immediately I wanted to adapt it for the stage.

"Several meetings, two Arts Council bids and two and half years later we're ready to share our version of Benji's beautiful book."

Grandad's Island comes to the Cornerstone in Didcot on March 24 with two performances; 11am and 2pm.

Tickets are £8, with concessions costing £6. To book your place, head to cornerstone-arts.org or call 01235 515144.



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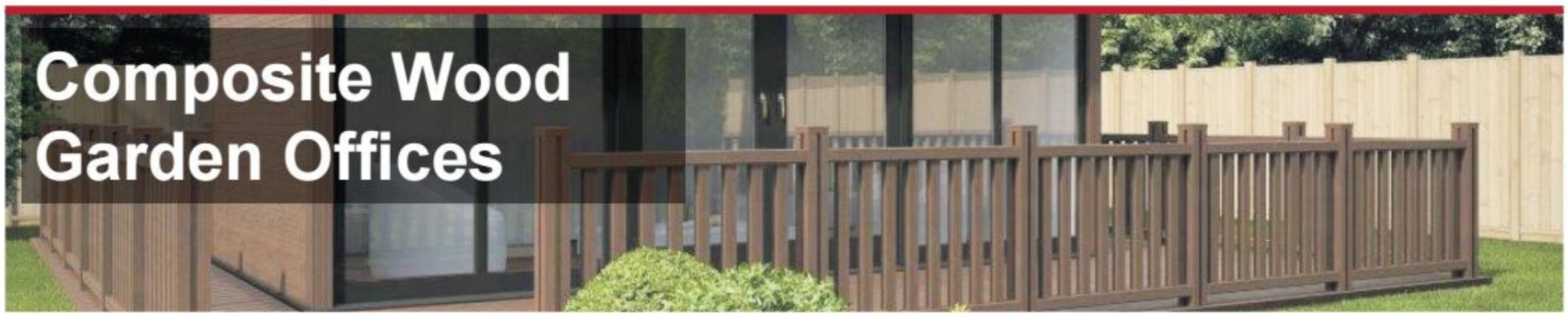

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4 I	5	6 L	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

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Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

Quiz Challenge

1. Which song was a UK No 1 hit for Blondie in 1980 and for Atomic Kitten in 2002?
2. Which classic Ealing comedy was remade by the Coen brothers in 2004?
3. Which ITV game show was hosted at different times by Nicky Campbell, Bradley Walsh and John Leslie?
4. Two English cathedrals are World Heritage sites. Name one of them.
5. Which type of cloth cap is named after the hero of a poem by Robert Burns?
6. Gemma Whelan plays Yara Greyjoy, the commander of the ship Black Wind, in which fantasy drama TV series?
7. With which car manufacturer would you associate the Picanto, Rio and Venga models?
8. What is a group of six musicians called?
9. In the Bible, who performed the Dance of the Seven Veils?
10. Nessun Dorma is an aria from which opera?

NONAGRAM

R	Y	E
A	T	I
N	I	R

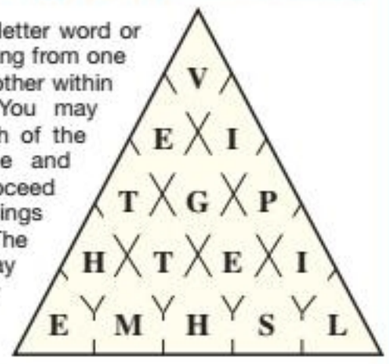
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
26 Good; 31 Very Good; 36 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



FIVE ALIVE

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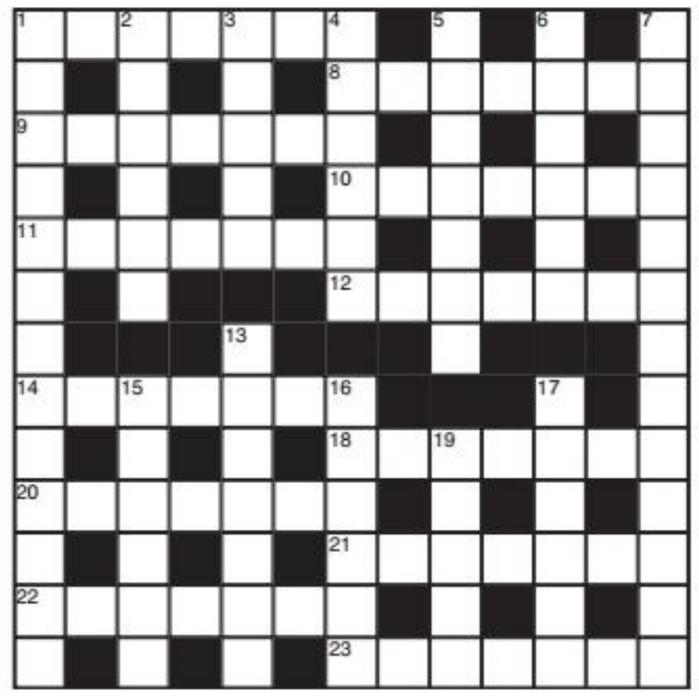
Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Grumbled when guide leader was provoked (7)
8. I'm arranging bribe for drinker (7)
9. Not missing motionless substitutes when agile (7)
10. Russell in small picture used acid (7)
11. Hastily arrange to warm up for game (5,2)
12. Finish with unusually sore back (7)
14. Issue a free sample (7)
18. Where one may work on the right for one in authority (7)
20. We called in and left during the argument (7)
21. Tom gets hold of hot water in French castle (7)
22. A coin is exchanged in the capital (7)
23. Begged to put penny on particular kind of petrol (7)

DOWN

1. The way a hurricane might move rapidly (2,4,3,4)
2. Publicly displayed when working at exhibition (2,4)
3. Shaggy mass of hair will startle (5)
4. Pass away quietly while taking exercise in French port (6)
5. Is plentiful when spring comes in (7)
6. A vehicle hesitantly used by one taking undue advantage of another (6)
7. Insect crushed in playing area (7,6)
13. Civic leader gets on stumbling block (7)
15. Subtle difference pest is leaving (6)
16. To step up using part of boot (6)
17. A lot of writing on head of state's set of principles (6)
19. Bit of snow starting to fall on the water (5)

SUDOKU

Easy

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Hard

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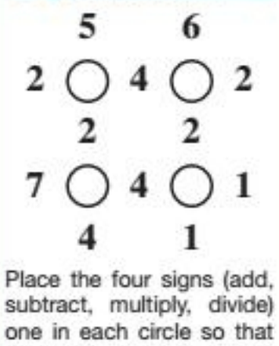

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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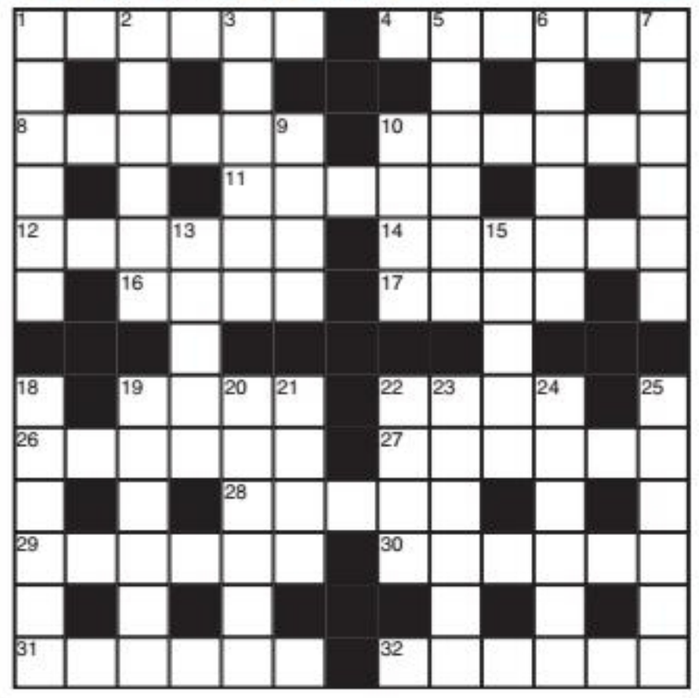
QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Sense of taste (6)
4. Terror (6)
8. Scattered rubbish (6)
10. No matter who (6)
11. Construct (5)
12. Fine worsted yarn (6)
14. ------ counter (6)
16. English national flower (4)
17. Tray (anag.) (4)
19. Auction (4)
22. Prison room (4)
26. French Riviera resort (6)
27. Format (6)
28. Animal track (5)
29. Oedema (6)
30. Pang (6)
31. Small stoned fruit (6)
32. Assented (6)

DOWN

1. Agreed course of action (6)
2. Second of two (6)
3. Ancient Greek city (6)
5. Plaster (6)
6. Dazed (6)
7. Hypothesis (6)
9. Regulation (4)
10. Seaweed (4)
13. Female (5)
15. European country (5)
18. Sour (6)
19. Short sleep (6)
20. Smaller (6)
21. Catch sight of (4)
22. Coagulate (4)
23. Insect (6)
24. Living room (6)
25. Pay heed (6)

SOLUTIONS

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 The Tide is High; 2 The Ladykillers; 3 Wheel of Fortune; 4 Canterbury or Durham; 5 Tam O' Shanter; 6 Game of Thrones; 7 Kia; 8 Sextet; 9 Salome; 10 Turandot.

CROSS CODE

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EASY SUDOKU

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HARD SUDOKU

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2	9	5	7	6	4	1	8	3
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MAGIC SQUARE: past; ache; shoe; team.

WORD PYRAMID: Give them the slip.

EQUALISER: Clockwise from top left – add; divide; multiply; subtract. Total: 3.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:

Across – 1 Grussed; 8 Imbiber; 9 Lissome; 10 Prussic; 11 Knock up; 12 Endorse; 14 Handout; 18 Officer; 20 Wrangle; 21 Chateau; 22 Nicosia; 23 Pleaded.

Down – 1 Go like the wind; 2 On show; 3 Shock; 4 Dieppe; 5 Abounds; 6 Abuser; 7 Cricket ground; 13 Congest; 15 Nuance; 16 Toecap; 17 Screed; 19 Flake.

QUICK CROSSWORD:

Across – 1 Palate; 4 Fright; 8 Litter; 10 Anyone; 11 Build; 12 Crewel; 14 Geiger; 16 Rose; 17 Arty; 19 Sale; 22 Cell; 26 Cannes; 27 Layout; 28 Spoor; 29 Dropsy; 30 Twinge; 31 Cherry; 32 Agreed. **Down** – 1 Policy; 2 Latter; 3 Thebes; 5 Render; 6 Groggy; 7 Theory; 9 Rule; 10 Alga; 13 Woman; 15 Italy; 18 Acidic; 19 Snooze; 20 Lesser; 21 Espy; 22 Clot; 23 Earwig; 24 Lounge; 25 Attend.

NONAGRAM: ante; anti; artery; arbier; arty; entry; errant; inert; inertia; inter; irate; ITINERARY; neat; nite; nitre; rant; ranter; ratty; rate; rent; retain; retina; retrain; retry; rite; tare; tarn; tarry; tear; teary; tein; terai; tern; temary; terrain; terry; tian; ter; tine; tinea; tinier; tiny; tire; tyin; train; trainer; tray; trey; trier; trine; tyre; yeti.

FIVE ALIVE:
(1) Across – Knife; Overs; Silky. **Down** – Knows; Ideal; Essay.
(2) Across – Witch; Idiom; Guess. **Down** – Wring; Tribe; Homes.

Thursday March 8th

TOP TV

BBC 1

5.15pm Pointless

BBC 2

6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland

ITV

8.00pm Emmerdale

Channel 4

9.00pm Married at First Sight

Channel 5

8.00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun

MORNING

BBC 1		BBC 2		ITV		Channel 4		Channel 5	
9.15am	Murder, Mystery and My Family	**7.15am**	Wanted Down Under Revisited	**8.30am**	Lorraine	**7.10am**	3rd Rock from the Sun	**8.20am**	Digby Dragon
10.00am	Homes Under the Hammer	**8.00am**	Earth's Natural Wonders	**9.25am**	The Jeremy Kyle Show	**7.35am**	Everybody Loves Raymond	**8.35am**	Rusty Rivets
11.00am	Wanted Down Under Revisited	**9.00am**	Victoria Derbyshire	**10.30am**	This Morning	**8.30am**	Frasier	**8.55am**	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11.45am	Caught Red Handed	**11.00am**	BBC Newsroom Live			**10.00am**	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	**9.05am**	Mofy
12.15pm	Bargain Hunt					**11.00am**	Undercover Boss USA	**9.15am**	The Wright Stuff
								11.15am	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

AFTERNOON

1.00pm	BBC News at One	**12.00pm**	The Daily Politics	**12.30pm**	Loose Women	**12.00pm**	Channel 4 News	**12.10pm**	5 News Lunchtime
1.30pm	Regional News and Weather	**1.00pm**	Perfection	**1.30pm**	ITV Lunchtime News	**12.05pm**	Come Dine with Me	**12.15pm**	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.45pm	Doctors	**1.45pm**	Plan it, Build it	**1.55pm**	ITV News London	**1.05pm**	Posh Pawnbrokers	**1.15pm**	Home and Away
2.15pm	Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators	**2.15pm**	Yes Chef	**2.00pm**	James Martin's American Adventure	**2.10pm**	Countdown	**1.45pm**	Neighbours
3.00pm	Escape to the Country	**3.00pm**	A Place to Call Home	**3.00pm**	Tenable	**3.00pm**	Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare	**2.20pm**	NCIS
3.45pm	Coast and Country Auctions	**3.50pm**	A Place to Call Home	**4.00pm**	Tipping Point	**4.00pm**	A New Life in the Sun	**3.20pm**	A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery
4.30pm	Antiques Road Trip	**4.45pm**	More Creatures Great and Small	**5.00pm**	The Chase	**5.00pm**	Four in a Bed	**5.00pm**	5 News at 5
5.15pm	Pointless	**5.15pm**	Flog It!			**5.30pm**	Extreme Cake Makers	**5.30pm**	Neighbours
6.00pm	BBC News at Six								

EVENING

6.30pm	Regional News and Weather	**6.00pm**	Eggheads	**6.00pm**	ITV News London	**6.00pm**	The Simpsons	**6.00pm**	Home and Away
7.00pm	The One Show	**6.30pm**	Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland	**6.30pm**	ITV Evening News	**6.30pm**	Hollyoaks	**6.30pm**	5 News Tonight
7.30pm	EastEnders	**7.00pm**	Saving Lives at Sea	**7.00pm**	Emmerdale	**7.00pm**	Channel 4 News	**7.00pm**	The Secret Life of Kittens
8.00pm	MasterChef	**8.00pm**	Great Continental Railway Journeys	**7.30pm**	Tonight	**8.00pm**	Crufts 2018	**8.00pm**	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
9.00pm	Not Going Out	**9.00pm**	Civilisations	**8.00pm**	Emmerdale	**9.00pm**	Married at First Sight	**9.00pm**	Do the Right Thing with Eamonn and Ruth
9.30pm	Still Game	**10.00pm**	Match of the Day	**8.30pm**	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska	**10.00pm**	The Job Interview	**10.00pm**	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
10.00pm	BBC News at Ten	**10.30pm**	Newsnight	**9.00pm**	Rachel Nickell: The Untold Story	**11.05pm**	Gogglebox	**11.05pm**	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
10.30pm	Regional News and Weather	**11.15pm**	Top Gear	**10.00pm**	ITV News at Ten and Weather	**12.10am**	Seven Year Switch	**12.00am**	Super Casino
10.45pm	Question Time	**12.15am**	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey	**10.30pm**	ITV News London	**1.05am**	One Born Every Minute	**3.10am**	Cowboy Builders
11.45pm	This Week	**1.15am**	Royal Recipes	**10.45pm**	UEFA Europa League Highlights	**2.00am**	Damned	**4.00am**	Now That's Funny!
12.30am	Weather for the Week Ahead	**2.00am**	This is BBC Two	**11.45pm**	Play to the Whistle	**2.30am**	Electric Dreams	**4.45am**	House Doctor
12.35am	BBC News			**12.35am**	Lethal Weapon	**3.25am**	Dispatches		
6.00am	Breakfast			**1.20am**	Jackpot247	**3.55am**	Coast v Country		
						4.50am	Location, Location, Location		

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Friday March 9th

BBC 1

TOP TV

4.30pm Antiques Road Trip

MORNING

9.15am Murder, Mystery and My Family
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under Revisited
11.45am Caught Red Handed

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm MasterChef
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Room 101
9.00pm Requiem
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm The Young Offenders
11.05pm Captain America:the Winter Soldier
1.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.15am BBC News

BBC 2

8.00pm Mastermind

MORNING

7.15am Wanted Down Under Revisited
8.00am Back in Time for Tea
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

AFTERNOON

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Perfection
1.45pm Plan it, Build it
2.15pm Yes Chef
3.00pm A Place to Call Home
3.50pm A Place to Call Home
4.40pm More Creatures Great and Small
5.10pm Flog It!

EVENING

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland
7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm Gardeners' World
9.00pm Putin: The New Tsar
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
11.55pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
12.55am Girls on the Edge

ITV

11.45pm Mickey Blue Eyes

MORNING

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm James Martin's American Adventure
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm Love Your Garden
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories
11.45pm Mickey Blue Eyes
1.25am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

9.00pm Gogglebox

MORNING

7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
10.55am Winter Paralympics Opening Ceremony Live

AFTERNOON

1.00pm Channel 4 News
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

EVENING

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Crufts 2018
9.00pm Gogglebox
10.00pm The Last Leg
11.05pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
11.55pm The Inbetweeners
12.30am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

Channel 5

7.00pm The Gadget Show

MORNING

8.20am Digby Dragon
8.35am Rusty Rivets
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

AFTERNOON

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm The Perfect Roommate
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

EVENING

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Gadget Show
8.00pm The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
9.00pm Jane Mcdonald and Friends
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.30pm French and Saunders
11.30pm That's So...1990
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am The X Files
4.00am The X Files
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Nick's Quest

Saturday March 10th

TOP TV

BBC 1

9.00pm Troy: Fall of a City

BBC 2

7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby

ITV

11.05pm 2 Fast 2 Furious

Channel 4

10.50pm First Dates

Channel 5

5.00pm The Secret Life of Kittens

MORNING

BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live	**7.30am** Dengineers	**9.25am** ITV News	**8.00am** Winter Paralympics Breakfast	**10.05am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11.30am Classic Mary Berry	**8.00am** Absolute Genius: Monster Builds	**9.30am** Saturday Morning with James Martin	**9.00am** Frasier	**10.35am** Make You Laugh Out Loud
	8.30am Beyond Bionic	**11.25am** Dancing on Ice	**9.30am** Frasier	**11.00am** Britain's Greatest Bridges
	9.00am Robot Wars		**10.30am** The Big Bang Theory	**11.15am** The Gadget Show
	10.00am Gorilla Family and Me		**11.55am** The Simpsons	
	11.00am Homes Under the Hammer			

AFTERNOON

BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
12.00pm Football Focus	**12.00pm** Cats v Dogs: Which is Best?	**1.15pm** ITV News and Weather	**12.25pm** The Simpsons	**12.15pm** Police Interceptors
1.00pm BBC News	**1.00pm** The Caine Mutiny	**1.25pm** Six Nations Live	**12.55pm** The Simpsons	**1.15pm** Police Interceptors
1.10pm Weather	**3.00pm** Escape to the Country	**4.30pm** Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs	**1.25pm** Come Dine with Me	**2.15pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1.15pm MasterChef	**3.30pm** Me and My Dog	**5.00pm** The Chase	**2.25pm** Coast v Country	**3.10pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2.15pm Coast and Country Auctions	**4.30pm** Final Score		**3.25pm** A Place in the Sun	**4.05pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
3.00pm Money for Nothing	**5.30pm** Flog It!		**4.30pm** Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare	**5.00pm** The Secret Life of Kittens
4.00pm Six Nations Rugby Union			**5.30pm** Channel 4 News	

EVENING

BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
7.00pm BBC News	**6.00pm** Hugh's Wild West	**6.00pm** ITV News and Weather	**6.00pm** Winter Paralympics Today	**6.00pm** Cruising with Jane McDonald
7.10pm Regional News	**7.00pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby	**6.15pm** Local News and Weather	**7.00pm** Crufts 2018	**7.00pm** Brunel
7.15pm Weather	**8.00pm** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities	**6.30pm** You've Been Framed!	**9.00pm** 45 Years	**8.00pm** Brunel
7.20pm Pointless	**8.30pm** Dad's Army	**7.00pm** Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	**10.50pm** First Dates	**8.55pm** 5 News
8.10pm Casualty	**9.00pm** Hitchcock's Shower Scene: 78/52	**8.30pm** The Voice UK	**11.55pm** The Inbetweeners	**9.00pm** Football on 5
9.00pm Troy: Fall of a City	**10.30pm** QI XL	**9.50pm** Piers Morgan's Life Stories	**12.30am** Winter Paralympics Live	**10.00pm** Football on 5
10.00pm BBC News	**11.15pm** Dial M for Murder	**10.40pm** ITV News and Weather	**5.00am** Food Unwrapped	**10.30pm** Jane Mcdonald and Friends
10.15pm Weather	**12.55am** The Lady Vanishes	**11.05pm** 2 Fast 2 Furious	**5.30am** Streetmate	**11.25pm** Celebrity Five Go Motorhoming
10.20pm Match of the Day	**2.25am** Civilisations	**1.05am** Jackpot247	**5.55am** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free	**12.15am** Super Casino
11.45pm A Few Best Men	**3.25am** This is BBC Two	**3.00am** Babushka	**6.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun	**3.10am** Cowboy Builders
1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead	**6.10am** Coast	**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen	**6.35am** 3rd Rock from the Sun	**4.00am** Cowboy Builders
1.20am BBC News		**6.00am** CITV		**4.45am** House Doctor
6.00am Breakfast				**5.10am** HouseBusters
				5.35am Wildlife SOS

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Sunday March 11th

BBC 1

8.00pm Call the Midwife

MORNING

7.30am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

AFTERNOON

12.15pm BBC News
12.25pm Weather for the Week Ahead
12.30pm MasterChef
1.30pm MasterChef
2.00pm Songs of Praise
2.35pm Six Nations Rugby Union
5.05pm Earth's Natural Wonders

EVENING

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News
6.25pm Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Hold the Sunset
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm Sir Bruce Forsyth: A Celebration
10.05pm BBC News
10.25pm Regional News
10.30pm Weather
10.35pm Match of the Day 2
11.35pm Fright Night
1.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.15am BBC News

BBC 2

9.00pm Life and Death Row

MORNING

8.35am Countryfile
9.30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.00am Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
11.45am Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook

AFTERNOON

12.15pm MOTD2 Extra
1.00pm The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives
2.00pm Money for Nothing
2.45pm Laura
4.10pm Back in Time for Tea
5.10pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes

EVENING

6.10pm Deep Impact
8.00pm Top Gear
9.00pm Life and Death Row
10.20pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You
11.00pm Top Gear Extra Gear
11.25pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
11.45pm Question Time
12.45am Panorama
1.55am This is BBC Two
6.00am Caught Red Handed
6.30am Coast and Country Auctions

ITV

12.30pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway

MORNING

9.25am ITV News
9.30am Love Your Garden
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Voice UK

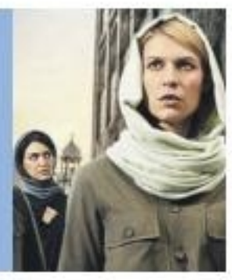
AFTERNOON

12.20pm ITV News and Weather
12.30pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2.00pm Britain's Brightest Family
2.30pm Catchphrase
3.30pm Tipping Point
4.30pm ITV News and Weather
4.45pm Local News and Weather
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.00pm Endeavour
10.00pm ITV News and Weather
10.15pm Peston on Sunday
11.15pm Six Nations Highlights
12.15am 100 Year Old Driving School
12.40am Marcella
1.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Take on the Twisters
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4



9.00pm Homeland

MORNING

7.00am Tennis
8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
1.05pm The Simpsons
1.40pm The Simpsons
2.10pm The Simpsons
2.40pm The Simpsons
3.10pm The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
4.25pm Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
5.30pm Channel 4 News

EVENING

6.00pm Winter Paralympics Today
7.00pm Crufts 2018
9.00pm Homeland
10.00pm The Last Leg Winter Paralympic Special
11.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12.00am Married at First Sight
1.00am The Inbetweeners
1.30am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

Channel 5

3.30pm Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

MORNING

10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Football on 5
11.30am Football on 5

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Police Interceptors
1.00pm Police Interceptors
2.00pm Open Season 2
3.30pm Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
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EVENING

7.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
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8.55pm 5 News
9.00pm A Walk Among the Tombstones
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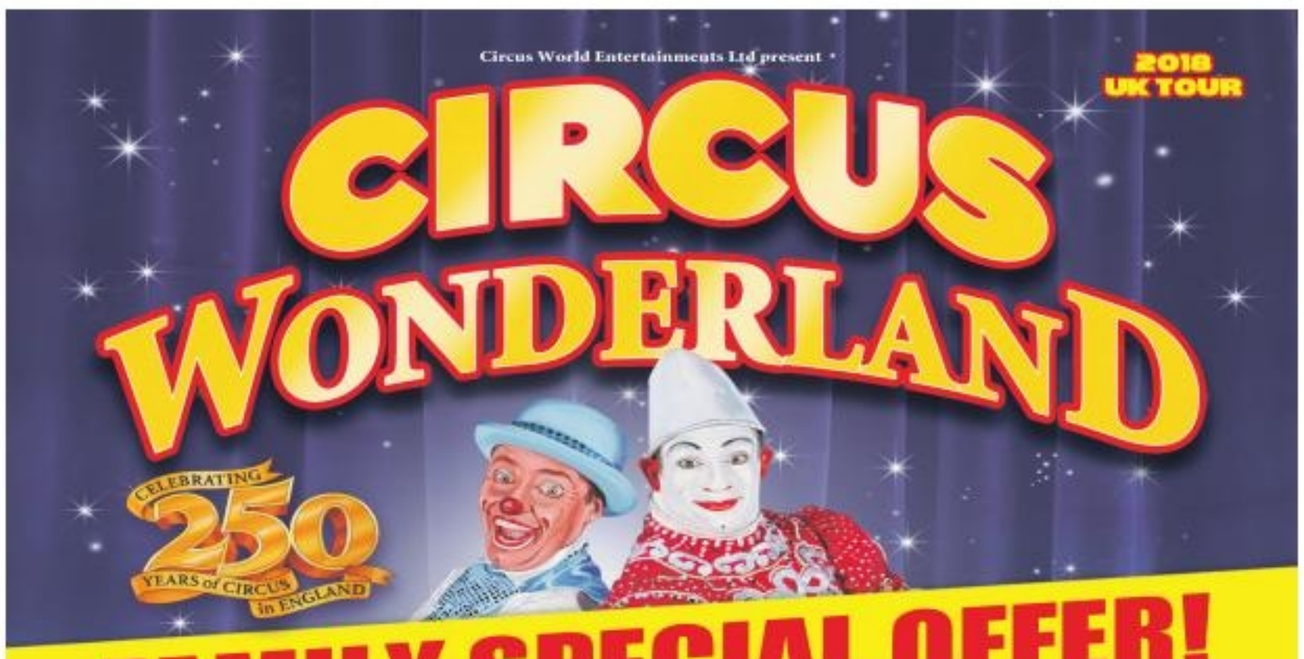

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11.00pm The X Files

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BBC 1

9.15am Holding Back the Years
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am The Sheriffs are Coming
11.45am Caught Red Handed

BBC 2

7.15am Wanted Down Under Revisited
8.00am Hugh's Wild West
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.30am The Week in Parliament

ITV

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

Channel 4

8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

Channel 5

9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

AFTERNOON

BBC 1

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.30pm Regional News
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Escape to the Country
2.45pm Commonwealth Observance Day
4.15pm Flog It!
5.15pm Pointless

BBC 2

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
1.30pm Yes Chef
2.15pm Your Home in Their Hands
3.15pm Planet Earth I
4.15pm Into the Wild with Gordon Buchanan
5.15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

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12.30pm Loose Women
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4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

Channel 4

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm A Place in the Sun
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

Channel 5

12.10pm 5 News
12.15pm The Gadget Show
1.10pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
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5.00pm 5 News
5.30pm Neighbours

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9.00pm MasterChef
10.00pm BBC News
10.30pm Regional News
10.40pm Weather
10.45pm Imagine...
12.25am Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You
1.10am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC 2

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm The Repair Shop
7.00pm Top Gear
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm University Challenge
9.00pm Being Blacker
10.30pm Newsnight
11.10pm Weather
11.15pm Putin: The New Tsar
12.15am Odyssey
12.55am Odyssey
1.40am Panorama
2.10am Countryfile
3.05am Royal Recipes

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6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm The Kyle Files
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Marcella
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.45pm Rachel Nickell: The Untold Story
11.50pm The Kyle Files
12.15am 100 Years Younger in 21 Days
1.05am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Winter Paralympics Today
8.00pm Dispatches
8.30pm Food Unwrapped
9.00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody
10.00pm Electric Dreams
11.00pm Winter Paralympics Highlights
12.15am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

Channel 5

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News
7.00pm Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights
8.00pm Extreme Winter Road Rescue
9.00pm Super Scary Plane Landings
10.00pm Police
11.00pm The X Files
11.55pm Traffic Cops
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11.45am Caught Red Handed

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.30pm Regional News
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm A Place to Call Home
3.10pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Flog It!
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News
6.30pm Regional News
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Holby City
9.00pm Shetland
10.00pm BBC News
10.30pm Regional News
10.40pm Weather
10.45pm This Country
11.15pm Rehab: Addicted Lives
12.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.40am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

TOP TV

7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea

MORNING

7.15am The Sheriffs are Coming
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

AFTERNOON

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm The Super League Show
1.45pm Yes Chef
2.30pm Your Home in Their Hands
3.30pm Planet Earth I
4.30pm Into the Wild with Gordon Buchanan
5.30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

EVENING

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm The Repair Shop
7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm Back in Time for Tea
9.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
10.00pm Mum
10.25pm The Archiveologists
10.30pm Newsnight
11.10pm Weather
11.15pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
12.15am MasterChef
1.15am An Island Parish

ITV

TOP TV

11.15pm Benidorm

MORNING

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON

12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Cheltenham Festival
4.30pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm Local News and Weather
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
8.00pm What Would Your Kid Do?
9.00pm 100 Years Younger in 21 Days
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.45pm The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
11.15pm Benidorm
12.15am Piers Morgan's Life Stories
1.05am Jackpot247
3.00am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

TOP TV

6.30pm Hollyoaks

MORNING

8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm A Place in the Sun
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

EVENING

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Winter Paralympics Today
8.00pm The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
9.15pm Seven Year Switch
10.20pm Gogglebox
11.00pm Winter Paralympics Highlights
12.15am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

Channel 5

TOP TV

9.00pm Wild Britain with Ray Mears

MORNING

9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
12.10pm 5 News

AFTERNOON

12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.10pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm McBride: It's Murder, Madam
5.00pm 5 News
5.30pm Neighbours

EVENING

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News
7.00pm World Rally Championship Highlights
8.00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
9.00pm Wild Britain with Ray Mears
10.00pm Elizabeth: Our Queen Revealed
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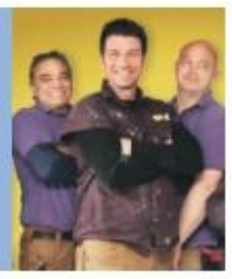

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11.45am Caught Red Handed
12.15pm Bargain Hunt

AFTERNOON

1.00pm BBC News
1.30pm Regional News
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm A Place to Call Home
3.10pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Flog It!
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News
6.30pm Regional News
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Panorama
8.00pm DIY SOS the Big Build
9.00pm Saving the British Bulldog
10.00pm BBC News
10.30pm Regional News
10.40pm Weather
10.45pm A Question of Sport
11.15pm Film 2018
11.45pm The Artist
1.20am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.25am BBC News

BBC 2

TOP TV

9.00pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story

MORNING

7.15am The Sheriffs are Coming
8.00am Great British Railway Journeys
8.30am Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.30am The Daily Politics

AFTERNOON

1.00pm Two Tribes
1.30pm Yes Chef
2.15pm Your Home in Their Hands
3.15pm Planet Earth I
4.15pm Into the Wild with Gordon Buchanan
5.15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

EVENING

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm The Repair Shop
7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
9.00pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
9.50pm Live at the Apollo
10.30pm Newsnight
11.10pm Weather
11.15pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
12.15am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities

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8.00pm The Supervet

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8.00pm The Supervet
9.00pm One Born Every Minute
10.00pm Damned
10.30pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
11.00pm Winter Paralympics Highlights
12.15am Winter Paralympics Live
4.30am Coast v Country
5.25am Food Unwrapped
5.50am Streetmate
6.15am 3rd Rock from the Sun

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8.00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors

MORNING

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AFTERNOON

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1.05pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Buried Secrets
5.00pm 5 News
5.30pm Neighbours

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6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News
7.00pm Extreme Winter Road Rescue
8.00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
9.00pm Violent Child, Desperate Parents
10.00pm When Talent Shows Go Horribly Wrong
1.00am Super Casino
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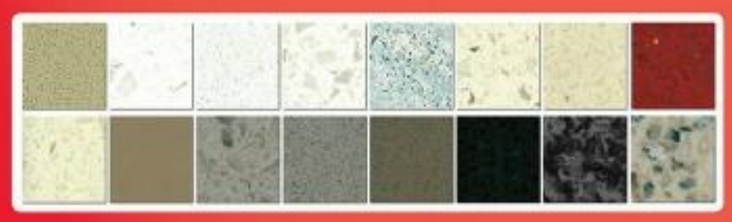

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Anyone who follows my blog will know that I like to explore the 'inside story' of the Oxford property market, digging beneath the headlines to understand the market at a more 'granular' level.

To much commentary on the Oxford property market takes the latest 1-month trend and uses it to justify a doom-laden headline. For me the true picture must take account of data for a full 12 month period and land registry is the one source of the truth based as it is on completed transactions.

In January 2018, Oxford house prices were 5% higher over the last 12 months. So Oxford didn't follow London in the doldrums as some (a hem...including me) predicted could happen in 2017. But, the number of completed transactions was down 21% with just 2,618 house sales being completed. The average price achieved was £422,055 meaning Oxford and Cambridge were the only two UK cities other than London to have an average price beginning with a '4'. Oxford remains the least affordable UK city when average house price is compared to average income earned in the City.

Central OX1 experienced the largest fall in transaction volumes, down a quarter, with OX4 down just 11%. But OX5 average price was up just 1% when OX2 was up 11%. The spread on average price was £233,742 with OX2 dragging-up the average. OX4 saw the highest number of completed transactions. (SEE TABLE A: LAND REGISTRY DATA)

But post code areas are still too large to get a sufficiently granular understanding of what's going on out there. And, it is always good policy to look at data from different sources. So let's look at some of Oxford's key areas using data from Rightmove. This data is based on properties sold on Rightmove rather than the whole market.

The table [or graph] below shows average price achieved for 14 of Oxford's best known residential areas, and also how those averages have changed compared to the prior 12-month period. Straight away it can be seen that each post code can hide enormous variation in average values and in the change over a 12-month period. Prices in OX1 have changed by between - 8% in Kennington to +15% on Grandpont. The only consistently positive shift in prices was seen in OX4 with Rose Hill, Littlemore and Cowley each in positive territory. The worst performing sub-market was Kennington and the best performing Grandpont, closely followed by Marston, Rose Hill and Littlemore. All strong owner-occupier markets offering a good range of affordable homes. (SEE TABLE B: RIGHTMOVE DATA)

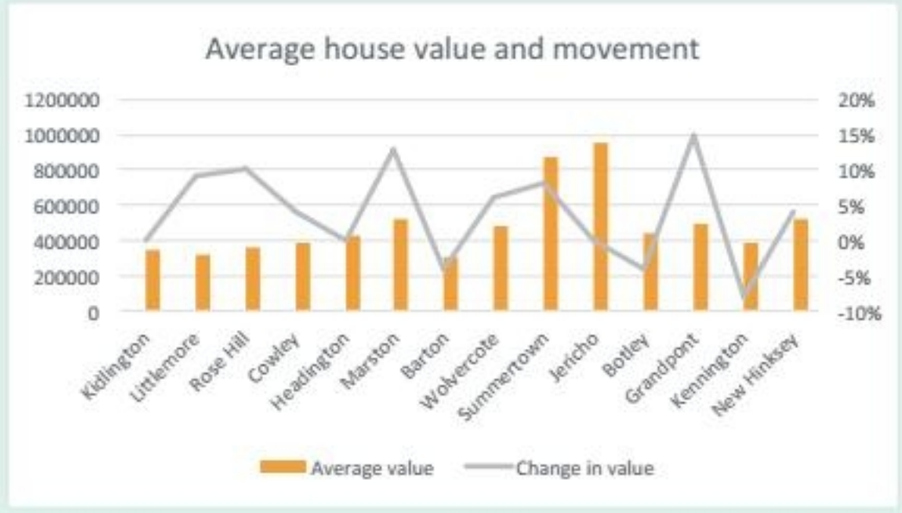

Table A: Land registry data

	Number of transactions	Change in transactions	Average achieved price	Change in value
OX5	344	-14%	£347,302	1%
OX4	586	-11%	£354,791	6%
OX3	401	-16%	£412,904	6%
OX2	472	-17%	£588,533	11%
OX1	187	-25%	£452,213	3%
Oxford	2847	-14%	£422,055	5%

Table B:Rightmove data

	Post code	Average value	Change in value
Kidlington	OX5	£346,859	0%
Littlemore		£323,315	9%
Rose Hill		£354,855	10%
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Headington		£420,503	0%
Marston		£516,692	13%
Barton	OX3	£299,542	-4%
Wolvercote		£479,036	6%
Summertown		£871,561	8%
Jericho		£960,524	0%
Botley	OX2	£436,654	-4%
Grandpont		£493,985	15%
Kennington		£385,471	-8%
New Hinksey	OX1	£516,334	4%

So what about the rental market I hear landlord readers ask? Across Oxford average rents rose by just 1% compared the prior year averaging £1,207 per calendar month. But this too hides some variation between property type. Detached home rents rose 3.1%; semi-detached 3.2%; terraced 3.7%; and, flats 0.16%. So it can be seen that Oxford apartments which were over 45% of all tenancies, were impacted more than other property types. So why was that? My own opinion is that the negativity surrounding Brexit adversely impacted demand from foreign nationals wanting to study in Oxford, undermining demand for central-Oxford apartments.

It's millennials who are driving demand for Oxford rentals, at least that's the common narrative. But in fact, the average age of an Oxford tenant is 33. 50% of all demand comes from people over the age of 29 and 22% from people over the age of 39. So in reality the demand for rental properties is shifting to include young families who need 3 and 4 bedroom properties in areas with schools, easy access to schools and good road and rail links.

I'd be delighted to hear from any reader keen to find out more about the Oxford property market, and please do visit www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk for more of my thoughts about the market.

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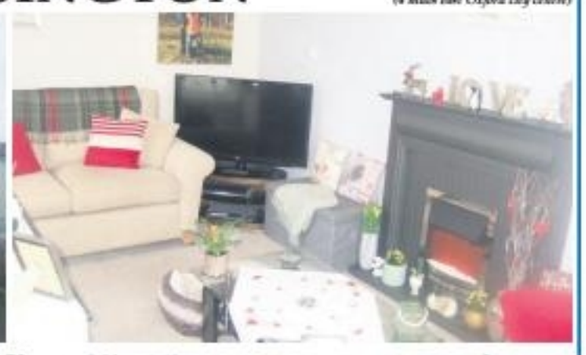

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A brand new 2016 Prestige Concerto 36' x 20' twin unit on favoured private park, close to River Thames. Hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, inner hall, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, carpets, curtains and furnishings, on-site parking, brick built skirt and steps, gardens

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FOXHALL MANOR PARK, DIDCOT £99,950
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A much improved early 1980s Donnington 36' x 20' twin unit on established park. Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC, metered LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed replacement windows, Decra style roof, low maintenance gardens, car parking space to side.

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BMW 520d M Sport Saloon

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By **Tony Yates**

FOR some reason, its been a while since I reviewed a BMW, and for reasons, I can't explain. Although, I think it might be because I'm pretty busy with everything else right about now.

Well thankfully, this week I have some spare time and I managed to borrow a lovely 520d M Sport for this week's review, which means you get a lovely BMW review written by me in all its glory. You have to remember - I'm not here to convince you to buy any of the cars I review, I'm merely here to point out the bits that I find interesting and the parts that I feel are worth taking a look at. The funny thing is, I get asked all the time what is the best car to buy, and I always say 'any one that takes your fancy'.

Power & efficiency

The 520d I had on test was powered by a TwinPower Turbo four-cylinder diesel engine with190hp (140kW) which produces sharp responsiveness with the added bonus of 400Nm of torque that easily manages to complete the 0-62 mph sprint in just 7.5 seconds, yet returns a combined 60+ mpg - which you have to admit is pretty amazing. I am also going to be bold here and say that it really is a brilliant engine and BMW have done a fantastic job of wringing out every last bit of horsepower .

On the road

As you would expect the 520d handling is poised thanks to the BMW engineers setting up the suspension with perfect precision, although the ride can in itself be a little soft, which to be honest, is just how I like it. Don't be fooled though by its soft ride. All that is needed is the push of a few buttons and the 520d suddenly becomes an aggressive animal in all the right places.

As long as I can remember, the 5 Series has always had a lovely soothing ride, along with a perfect and well-balanced chassis that is right behind you when you are truly giving it the beans around a tight corner. Coming into this review, I was so worried that the 5 series might have lost some of its BMW DNA.

Well, thankfully, it has not.

Equipment, safety & technology

As you would expect from BMW, the cabin materials are exceptional quality and this runs right through the veins of the 520d. There is even more good news – because it looks like BMW really have listened to what their customers want. It's not just lush inside the cabin, it's beautiful, which is a big thumbs up from me to the BMW designers. Plus, I love how all the dials and switches are set out in such a way that the driver will always feel they have fingertip control with everything they do, which is what driving a BMW is all about - 'being effortless to drive'.

Also, being an M Sport, there's plenty of standard kit - like. 18" light alloy M Double-spoke style 662 M wheels. Exterior trim in high-gloss Shadowline, LED fog lights, M aerodynamic bodystyling, M designation on front side panels, left and right.

Door sill finishers with illuminated M designation, headlining in Anthracite, the instrument panel in Sensatec, interior trim in Aluminium Rhombicle with Pearl Chrome highlight, M specific floormats, M specific pedals and M specific steering wheel and pretty much everything else you see is in M Spec also.

There is also an abundance of BMW driver assistance systems that cover a wide range of functions in the 520d, all combining an intelligent combination of different technologies to enhance safety, comfort and efficiency.

To sum up

I like the 520d M Sport – thanks mainly to how it makes you feel when you drive it. Actually, I'm not sure it could get any better. Once again BMW has proved why the 520d M Sport is a car that ticks all the boxes for the modern driver and why I think everyone needs one in their life.

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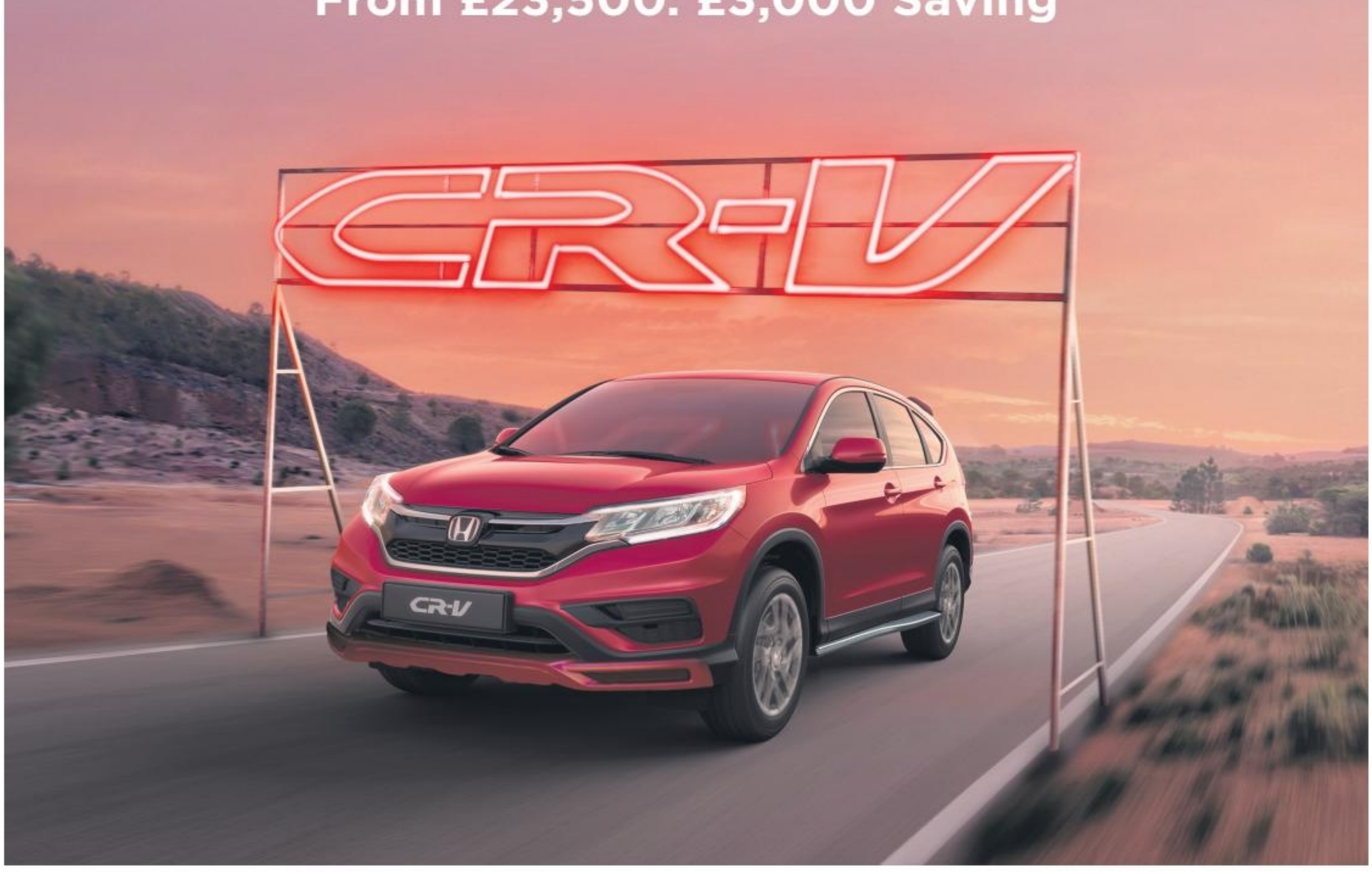

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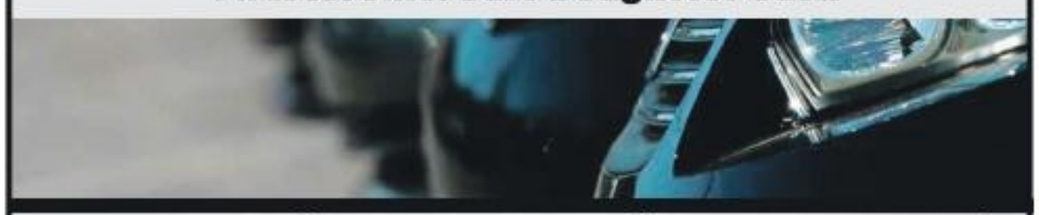

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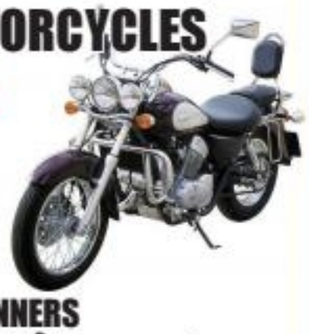

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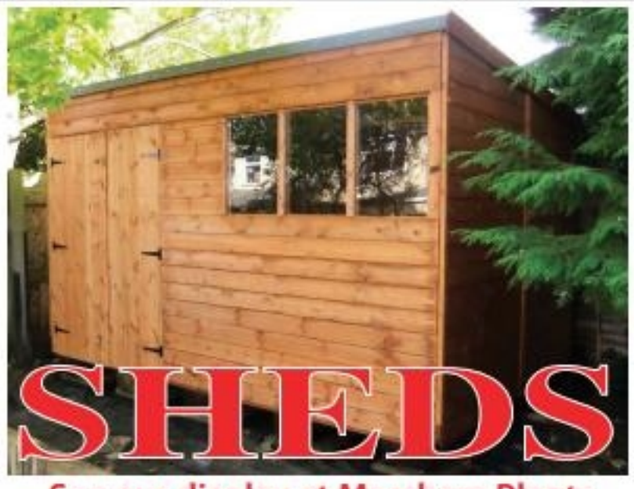

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Sport

Teams' testing hots up in Spain

By George Welch

F1

LAST week they were building snowmen, this week it is sandcastles as normal weather returned for the second week of Formula 1 testing.

More appropriate Spanish weather at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya meant all 10 teams could really stretch the legs of their new cars for the first time.

The flashy new cars hit the circuit for the four-day tester on Tuesday, with positive vibes coming from all three Oxfordshire teams.

Lance Stroll believes the Williams FW41 is a big improvement on last year's challenger, but it is how everybody else has improved that will determine how the Grove-based outfit will fare in a tight mid-field battle.

Sirotkin recorded a respectable time on Tuesday morning after contesting bodywork and balance issues while Stroll, in the cockpit for the afternoon, completed a race distance for the first time. Together they managed 131 laps.

Stroll, who won't look too much into being adrift at the bottom of the timesheet on the first day, said: "I have the first race distance of the year under my belt now and it was positive.

"I believe we have made a step forward compared to where we were last year. I don't know where we will be compared to everyone else, but compared to last year's car, it definitely feels quite a bit better."

Chief technical officer Paddy Lowe added: "We're very happy to cover a lot of laps, including our first race distance with the FW41 without incident."

Renault might be closest to the top three as Nico Hulkenberg, again sharing duty with Carlos Sainz, let his team-mate do most of the talking.

Chief technical officer Bob Bell described Hulkenberg's session as "scrappy" as the Enstone team spent longer than anticipated in the garage with the second chassis.

Banbury-based Haas appear to have made a strong start to 2018,

Nico Hulkenberg puts the Renault through its paces Picture: *Renault Sport Formula One Team*

Kevin Magnussen looking initially more comfortable with the car than Romain Grosjean.

Magnussen, who managed 96 laps out on his own on Tuesday, said: "I'd say it was our first proper day. I'm happy and positive after the day."

Testing continues until tomorrow (Friday) as teams prepare for lights out in Melbourne on March 25.

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Saturday 3 March
Oxford United P-P Fleetwood Town
(Rearranged for April 10)

Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final
Tuesday 6 March
Oxford City 1-0 **Oxford United**

Vanarama National League South
Saturday 3 March
Wealdstone P-P **Oxford City**
(Rearranged for April 11)

Evo-Stik South Premier
Saturday 3 March
St Neots Town P-P **Banbury United**

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Ashford Town P-P **Thame United**
Tuesday 6 March
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Evo-Stik South West
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Mangotsfield P-P **North Leigh**
Tuesday 6 March
North Leigh 0-1 AFC Totton
Shortwood United P-P **Kidlington**

Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division
Saturday 3 March
Nomads P-P Brimscombe & Thrupp
(Rearranged for March 27)
Tuesday 6 March
Tuffley Rovers 1-2 **Wantage Town**

Jaguar seal another good performance to go third

Formula E

ANOTHER consistent performance and a record points haul in Mexico City lifted Jaguar up to third in the Formula E team standings.

The Grove-based outfit scooped 20 points – their best return in a season and a bit in the sport – to overtake DS Virgin Racing.

Brazilian Nelson Piquet Jr battled it out for a podium finish with Renault e.dams driver Sebastian Buemi but had to settle for fourth, while team-mate Mitch Evans climbed from a 12th-placed start to cross the line in sixth.

Piquet, who described the race in South America as "solid", admits he needs to improve on his P8 start to make the podium.

Evans added: "It was a good race for us. I started 12th and finished sixth so I'm definitely happy with that."

Piquet and Evans remain fifth and seventh in the drivers' championship respectively.

Meanwhile, Grove-based driver Alex Lynn finished 10th for his DS Virgin Racing team.

The 24-year-old's solitary point was the team's only one after team-mate and drivers' championship hopeful Sam Bird battled with penalties and a collision with Renault e.dams driver Nico Prost. He finished outside the points in 17th.

Punta del Este in Uruguay is the setting for the sixth E-Prix of the season on March 17.

'As prepared as we can be' ahead of season opener

MotoGP

BRADLEY Smith is ready and raring to go for the new season after completing pre-season testing in Qatar last week.

The three-day tester was the last of three sessions ahead of the season opener at the same Losail International Circuit on March 18.

Forest Hill rider Smith had a small crash on the second day but picked himself up again on Saturday for the final round to record his and his team's best time.

The 27-year-old's 1.150 seconds off leader Johann Zarco left him in 14th place, his best return from all three pre-season tests.

"It's nice to finally finish the tests and iron out some of the details ready for the start of the season," Smith, looking forward to the new season, said.

"We are already 1.2 seconds faster than we were last year here, so we have to be very pleased."

He added: "We've made good progress over the last 12 months and we can be proud.

"We'll now see what the race weekend brings. We are as prepared as we can be."

Team-mate Pol Espargaro, who returned to the KTM RC16 after injuring himself in Malaysia in January, finished 20th (+1.460) while test driver Mika Kallio was 25th (+3.189).

History-making win for Brookes

Rowing

OXFORD Brookes University Boat Club's Rowing 1st and 2nd men's eights made history on Sunday when they beat crews from Boat Race hopefuls Cambridge University on the Tideway.

It is the first time that a Brookes crew has beaten both Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews in the same year.

The Cambridge Blue Boat won the toss and elected to take the Surrey station for both pieces.

It was Cambridge who scored the first blow, and by Fulham FC's Craven Cottage, the light blues led by around half a length.

As both crews came straight into the final stages of the race, Brookes pushed hard, and quickly came back level.

By the end of piece, Brookes had gained a lead of a full length.

After a short break the crews lined up alongside Chiswick Eyot to start the second piece.

Cambridge moved out to a slight lead but as the course straightened out, Brookes had moved through.

Brookes were able to push out to a lead of half a length, which they extended to a full length for a thrilling, hard fought finish.

Brookes Rowing race again this weekend, with both the Head of the River Race and the Women's eights Head of the River Race.

Hard work pays off for successful club swimmers at meet

Swimming

ABINGDON Vale Swimming Club enjoyed a successful county championships breaking seven club records during the four-weekend long event.

AVSC boasted more than 60 swimmers competing in the Oxford and North Bucks County Championships.

Between them, they achieved 132 top eight placings, delivered 223 personal bests, and gained 50 regional qualifying times.

Head coach Amanda Ford said: "Our results this year have been achieved due to our emphasis on process goals. As well as coaching swimming, we teach swimmers the value of hard work, consistency of skills focus and team spirit.

"This recent success is due to the hard work of our coaches, the support of our committee and our swimmers, and the commitment of our parent helpers who get stuck in when needed with enthusiasm.

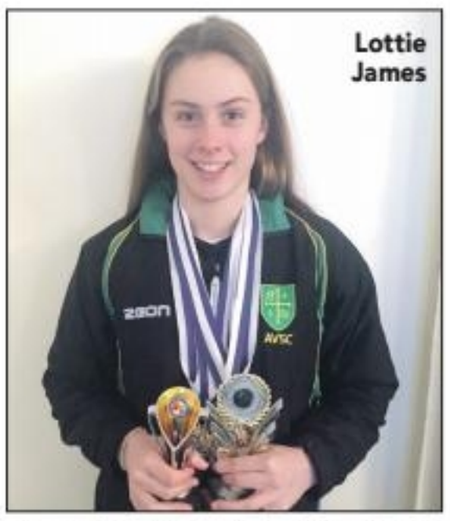
"It's great to se all these things coming together so well."

Bethan Lillistone

Natalia Druett

Stand out performances came from Bethan Lillistone, 11, who picked up four silver and one bronze medal, and Natalia Druett, 15, who won six age group medals.

Natalia also finished first in the Junior and second in the Open Championships for 100 metre breaststroke.

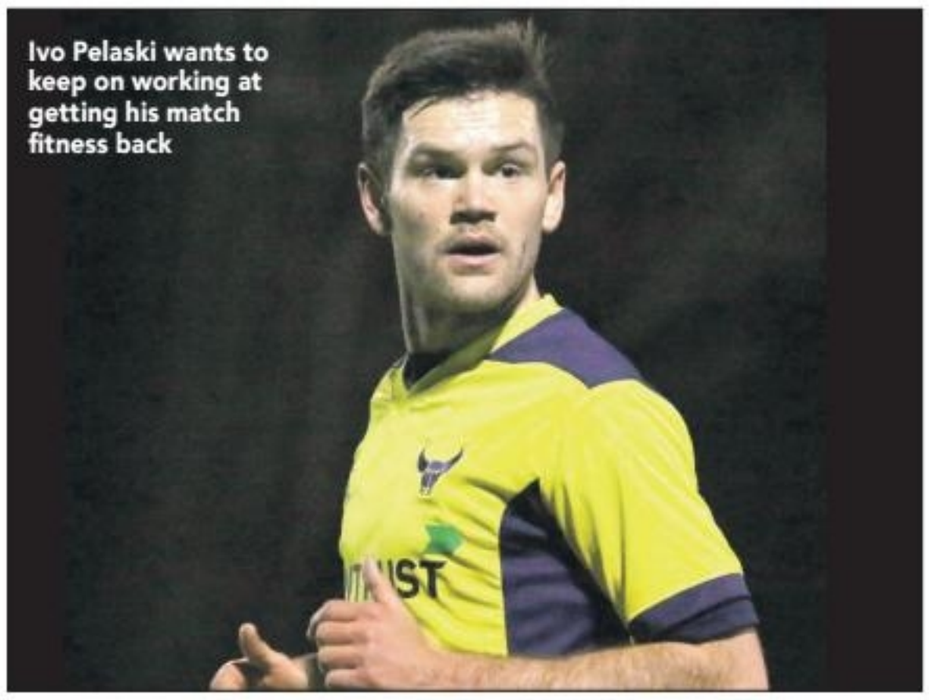


Lottie James

Lottie James, 14, won a total of 11 age group medals, including six golds, while Joseph Bradshaw, 20, finished second in the 50m freestyle Open Championship.

Happy to be back on the pitch after injury

By George Welch



Ivo Pelaski wants to keep on working at getting his match fitness back

CROCKED midfielder Ivo Pekalski is on the comeback trail after making his first couple of appearances since injuring his knee a week after joining the club last summer.

The Swedish international played an hour in a behind-closed-doors friendly against QPR last week before playing 72 minutes against Oxford City in Tuesday night's 1-0 defeat at Court Place Farm in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final on Tuesday.

The delighted 27-year-old said after the 2-2 draw with QPR: "I was happy about returning to the pitch. After being out for six and a half months it was a big step.

"You can do things in the gym but you never [beat] the feeling as the game. I'm happy about it and I just want to keep on working."

Pekalski is hopeful of making a first team appearance before the end of the season, although the club want him to get more minutes under his belt before he is considered for the first team.

But the Swede is refusing to set timelines.

He said: "It's very important to do this step-by-step. I'm happy for now but it will take time to get into top shape.

"It's only by day-by-day work. I would love to say 'this day I'm there' but it's a process."

Also making their comebacks in the last couple of weeks were Mike Williamson and Cameron Brannagan.

First teamers Canice Carroll and Malachi Napa also featured alongside the youngsters on Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, promising young goalkeeper Jack Stevens has signed a new deal to keep him at the U's until at least the summer of 2019.

The 20-year-old stopper has enjoyed a memorable season, starring on loan at Oxford City in their FA Cup run before winning rave reviews since joining Tamworth in January.

Stevens said he was "more than happy to sign a new deal", adding: "The club has been fantastic and I want to push on from here and try to earn more chances in the first team squad if I can."

■ United travel to 19th-placed AFC Wimbledon in a massive game on Saturday and are next in action at Grenoble Road against Peterborough United on March 17.

Pep Clotet even treated himself to a new suit prior to getting back into football. **Pictures**: *Pep Clotet/@pepclotet*

Blues role a good fit for Pep

SIX weeks since his sacking, ex-Oxford United boss Pep Clotet has managed to bag another job – and treat himself to a new suit – while his former club plods along with its manager hunt.

The Spaniard, sacked by the U's in January, has been reunited with Garry Monk at Championship strugglers Birmingham City.

Clotet will be Monk's assistant, as he was at Swansea City and Leeds United prior to his seven-month stint at the Kassam. He has signed a contract until 2021.

"It is great to be back with Pep," Monk, sacked by Middlesbrough in December, said. "He brings a wealth of experience, he's a very good coach and he will bring that to these players."

He added: "Me and Pep right from the very beginning at Swansea worked incredibly well, we have a great relationship.

"We know how each other works, which is always a benefit.

"If at any point after [Pep went into management] that our stars aligned and we had the opportunity to go back and work together, it was always in agreement.

"He brings a wealth of experience, he's a very good coach and very experienced and he will bring that to these players and the staff as well."

Former Accrington Stanley gaffer James Beattie and ex-goalkeeper Darryl Flahavan have also joined the Blues' backroom staff following Steve Cotterill's sacking on Saturday.

Van Kessel in line for call-up to Curacao national squad

OXFORD United forward Gino van Kessel has been provisionally named in the Curacao squad for two games against Bolivia.

The 24-year-old, on loan from Slavia Prague, has scored seven goals in 17 games for his country and has been chosen in the pre-selection group for the games in Curacao against Bolivia on March 23 and 26.

Head coach Remko Bicentini will announce the final selection tomorrow (Friday).

Van Kessel has scored five goals in 21 games for the U's in all competitions this season. His last goal came in the 3-1 home win over Milton Keynes Dons on New Year's Day.

If selected it would be the second call up for United players this month after Shandon Baptiste was called-up for the Grenada squad to play Belize on March 22.

Tough decision to let midfielder Pearce go

OXFORD City boss Mark Jones admitted releasing David Pearce was 'a very tough decision' to make.

The winger found himself out of favour following a change in system and departed Court Place Farm last week.

Pearce, who has already signed for Chesham United, will be remembered fondly by City fans for his impact in their historic FA Cup run to the second round proper.

The midfielder scored a crucial second equaliser against Leiston before providing valuable assists in wins over Bognor Regis Town (fourth qualifying round) and Colchester United (first round).

Pearce was a regular this season, making 32 appearances for the Hoops, including 28 starts and four substitute appearances, scoring four goals.

It was his consistency in the team that meant "it was not an easy decision to let Dave go," gaffer Jones said.

"I've got a lot of time for Dave, he's a very good player with a good attitude, and I've enjoyed working with him over the past seven or eight months.

"I felt that with our change of shape, playing with three up front, that he's fighting against Matt Paterson, Sam Nombe, Ezra Forde, Zac McEachran and Rob Sinclair, I just felt that his opportunities would be limited."

City host second-placed Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday as they chase a fourth successive league win.

David Pearce crosses for Matt Paterson's winner against Colchester United in the FA Cup first round. **Picture**: *Michael Allen*

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1	Blackburn Rovers	36	32	73
2	Shrewsbury Town	34	19	68
3	Wigan Athletic	32	39	67
4	Rotherham United	34	19	62
5	Scunthorpe United	36	10	57
6	Plymouth Argyle	35	1	53
7	Charlton Athletic	33	2	51
8	Peterborough United	34	9	50
9	Bradford City	34	-3	50
10	Bristol Rovers	35	-2	49
11	Portsmouth	35	-2	49
12	Gillingham	35	0	46
13	Walsall	36	-5	44
14	Southend United	34	-12	44
15	Doncaster Rovers	35	-1	42
16	Oxford United	34	-2	42
17	Blackpool	34	-2	42
18	Oldham Athletic	34	-10	39
19	AFC Wimbledon	35	-12	38
20	Northampton Town	35	-22	38
21	Fleetwood Town	34	-11	37
22	MK Dons	35	-16	32
23	Rochdale	31	-9	29
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Left-field appointment on the horizon as search continues

Tiger plans one more face-to-face meeting with contenders

By George Welch

NEW Oxford United owner Sumrith 'Tiger' Thanakarnjanasuth will meet the potential new manager this week, as the club's search for a new boss drags on.

No one can blame irritated U's fans for getting impatient as the managerless side edges towards the League One relegation zone.

The hunt for Pep Clotet's replacement has extended into its sixth week as the new owner, despite promising a new appointment last week, calls for patience.

Tiger called for more time last week as interviews with shortlisted candidates continued.

In an update on Tuesday, he said he wants to meet a candidate one more time 'towards the end of the week' before finalising a deal.

He said: "I have talked to some outstanding candidates over the last week or so and just want one more opportunity to meet them face-to-face towards the end of the week.

"I am not old school – I can communicate in a number of ways and am working every day on this and if we can conclude things quickly that's great."

In an ambitious twist, the Thai businessman said that, if the new boss wins 10 out of 12 matches, the play-offs are still in reach.

Twelve games remain of the League One season, suggesting a new man could be in the dugout by Saturday's trip to AFC Wimbledon.

Tiger added: "We are looking for the right man to make an immediate impact and lift things.

"I want to make the fans so proud of this club and to do that I will always aim high.

"At the very least we will have a manager in place for the last 10 or 11 games who will have a chance to get to know the players, the coaching staff and the club and be able to see the full picture so they are not starting from zero this summer."

United are in wretched form though and, just five points above the trapdoor, look like they will be involved in a relegation battle.

The Yellows were 10th, eight points off both the play-offs and the bottom four, when Clotet was sacked.

Tiger could make another left field appointment, with Netherlands legend Patrick Kluivert now the favourite to get the job.

The Yellow Army fans group member Simon Hathaway told talkSPORT this week that he is wary but not against a left field selection.

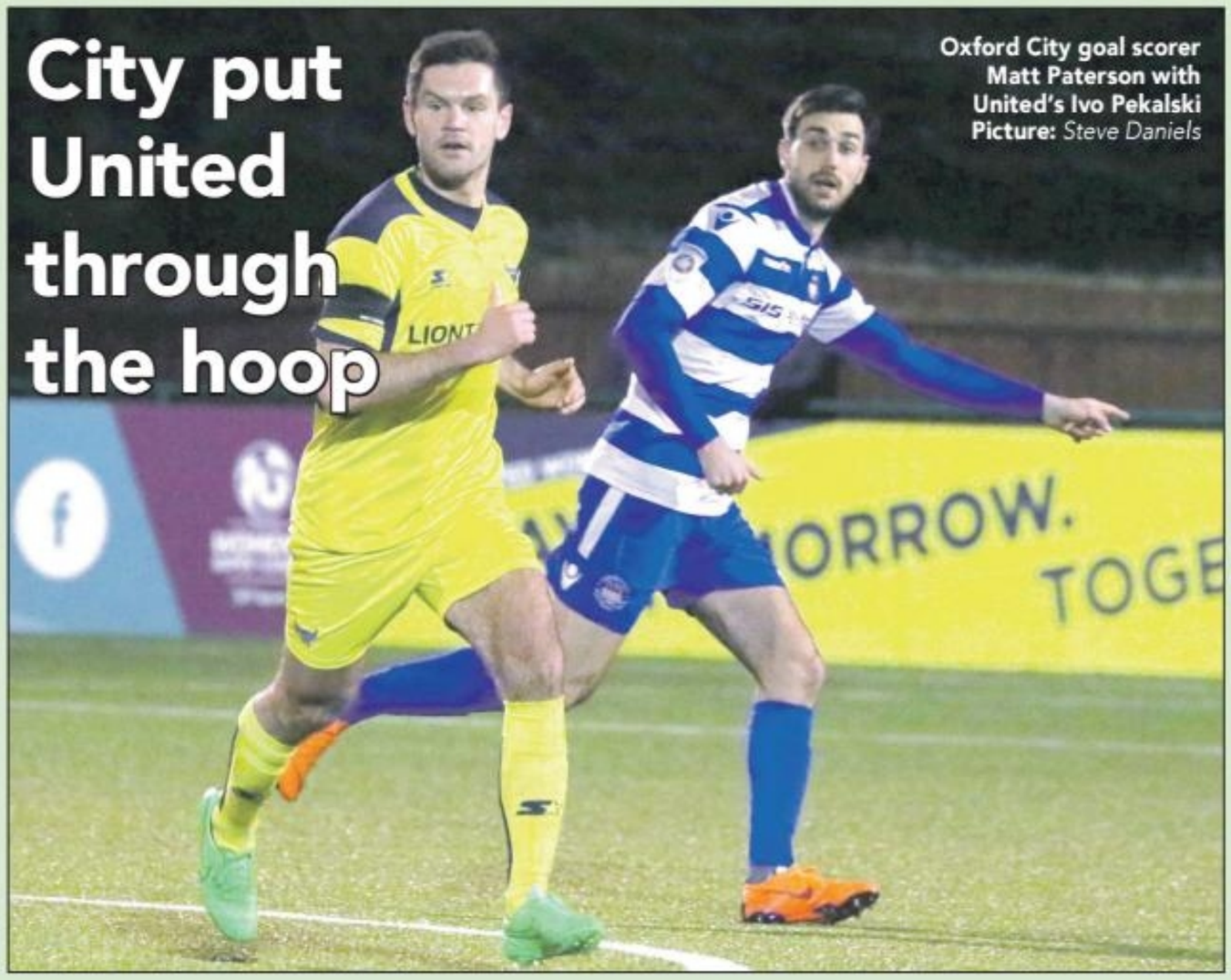
"I don't think fans would be too upset with a left field appointment, we'll just have to wait and see how it goes," he said.

Names in the frame

Latest odds from SkyBet:

Patrick Kluivert	11/10
Steve McClaren	9/4
Brian McDermott	5/2
Michael Beale	14/1
Alan Stubbs	16/1
Mark Warburton	25/1

City put United through the hoop



Oxford City goal scorer Matt Paterson with United's Ivo Pekalski **Picture:** *Steve Daniels*

OXFORD City claimed bragging rights over neighbours Oxford United thanks to a shot from distance in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final on Tuesday.

Hoops striker Matt Paterson's 21st goal of the season gave the home side a 1-0 victory to set up a final clash with either Banbury United or Kidlington who play the other semi-final next week.

Manager Mark Jones said: "I'm pleased for Matt because he's had some bad news this week, his grandfather passed away yesterday and it hit him hard. It was touch and go whether he could play tonight.

"But he got out there for us and scored the winning goal so I'm sure he'll dedicate that one to his granddad.

"We had another bit of bad news with [general manager] Justin Merritt's father passing away on Sunday as well so our condolences go to the two families.

"But on the football side of things, it's nice to get the winning habit, it's four wins on the spin.

"Our aim is to go and produce a good performance on Saturday and see if we can keep kicking on in the league."

City face a daunting trip to second placed Havant and Waterlooville on Saturday.

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